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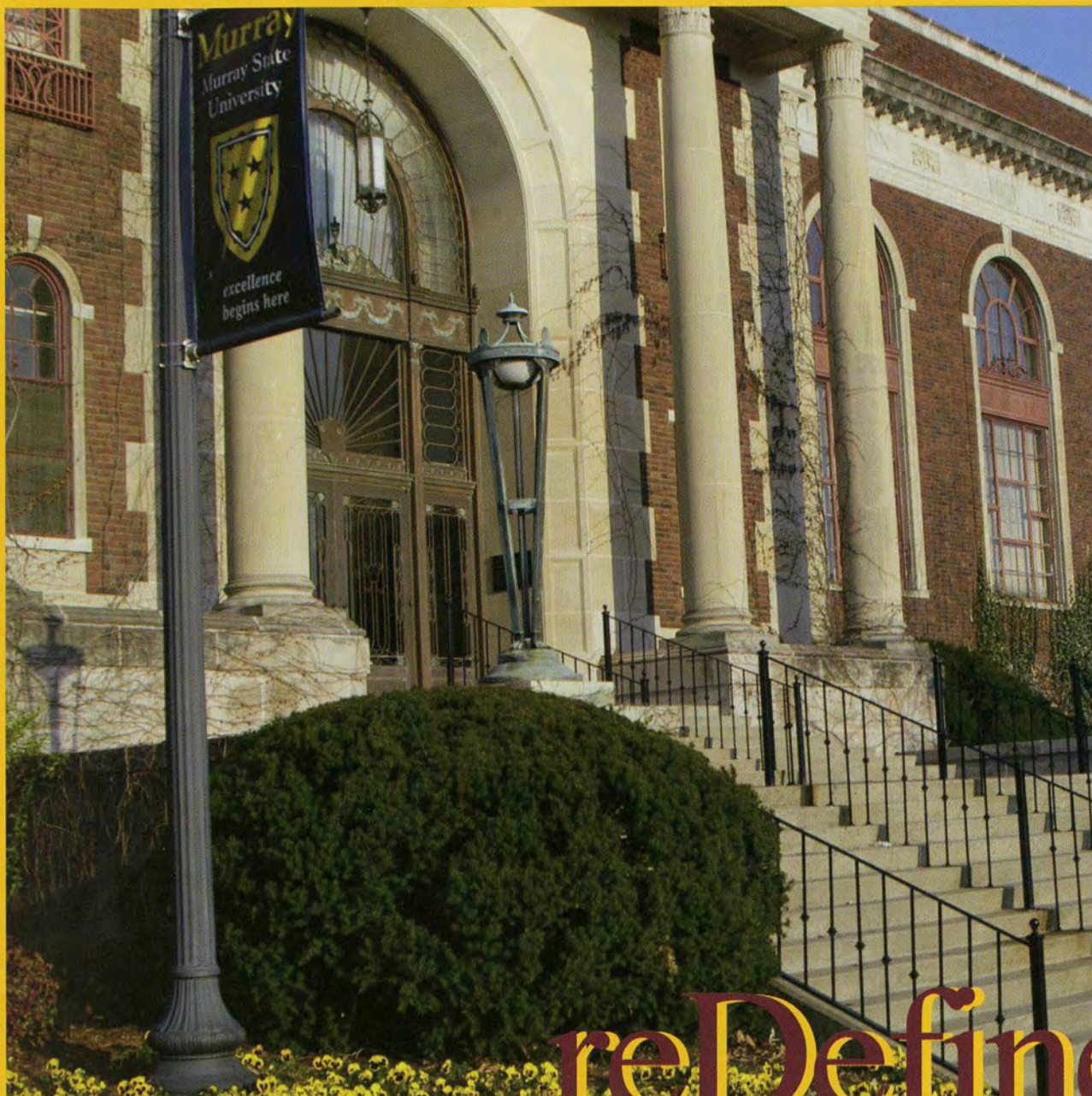
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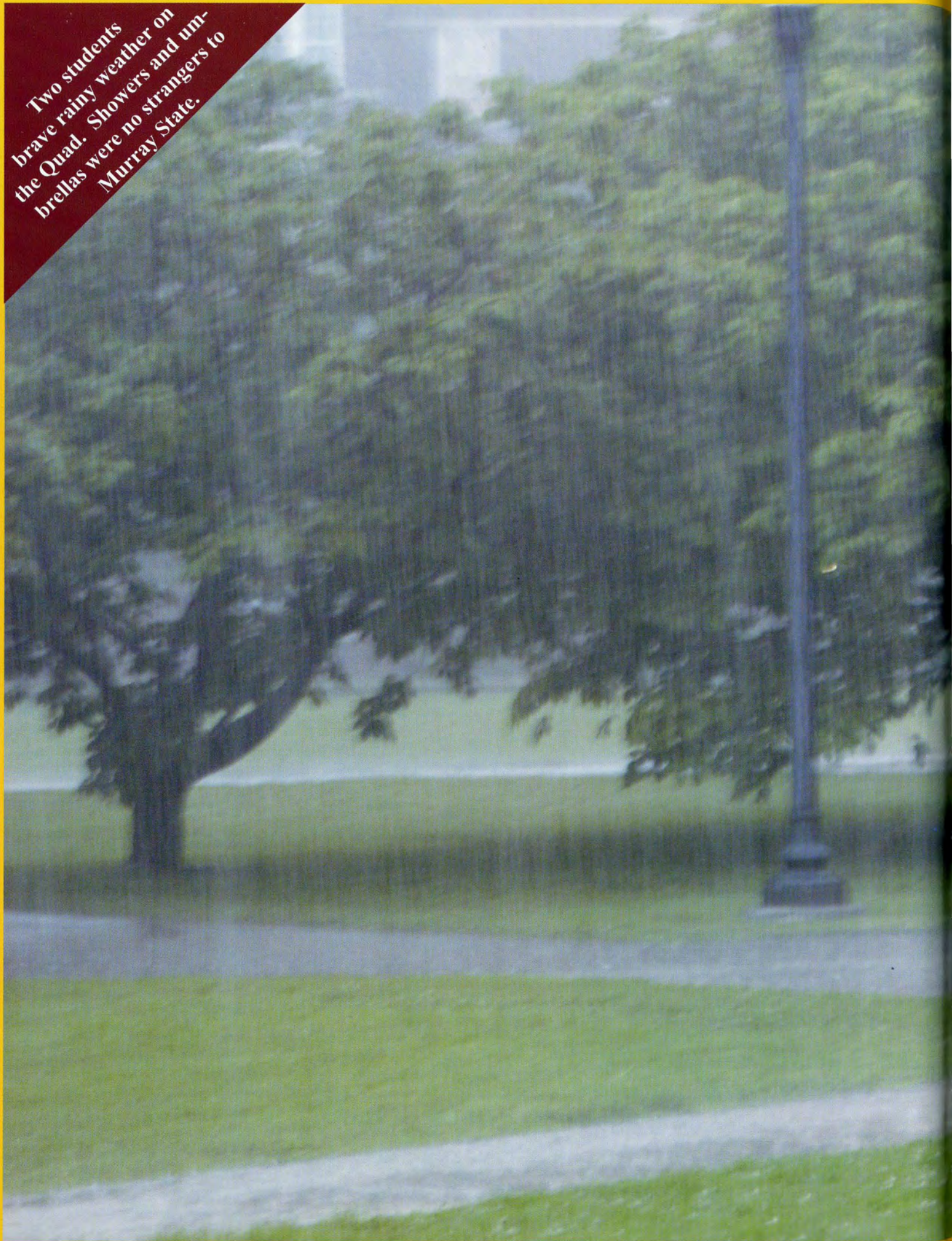
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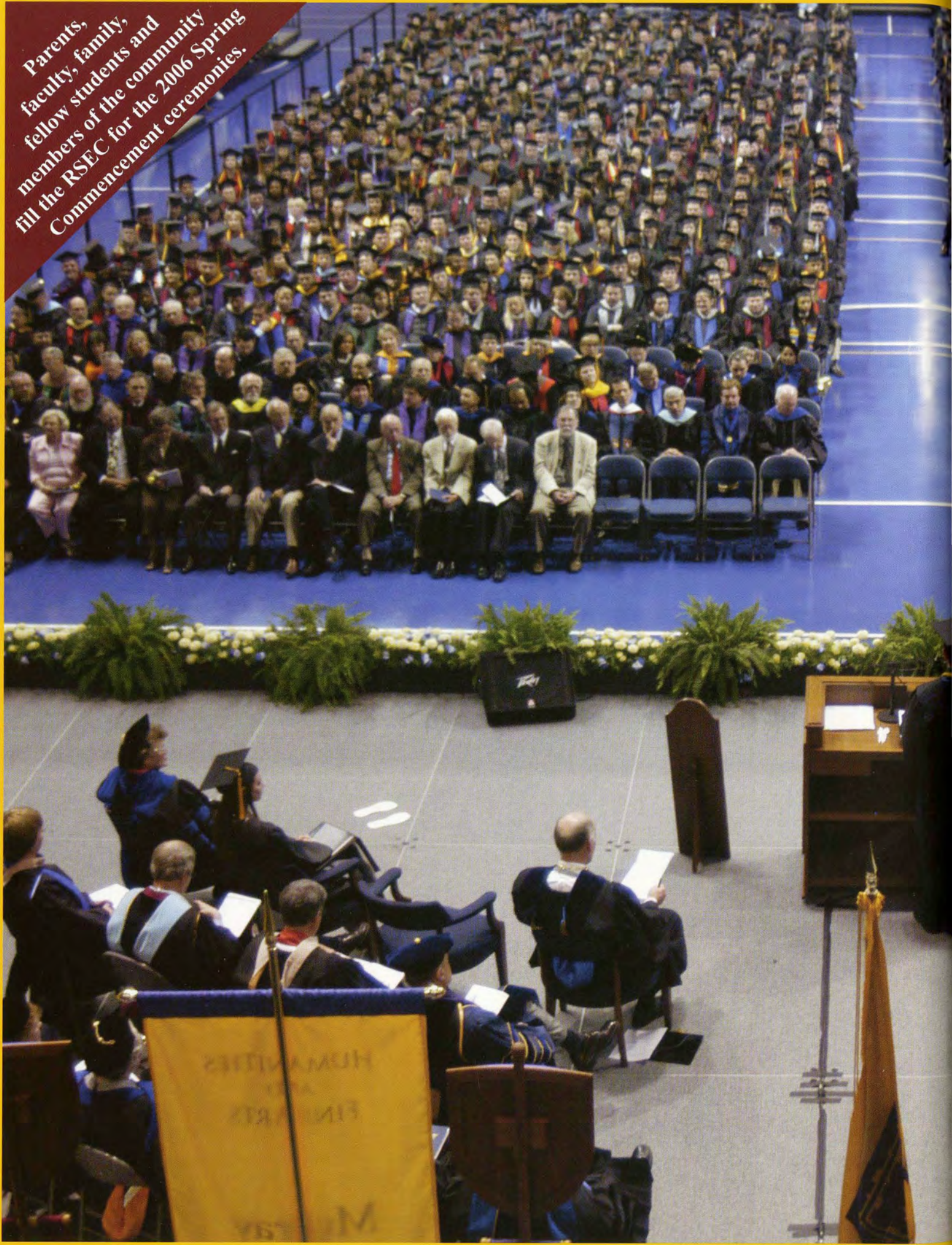
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Two students
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Parents, faculty, family, fellow students and members of the community fill the RSEC for the 2006 Spring Commencement ceremonies.



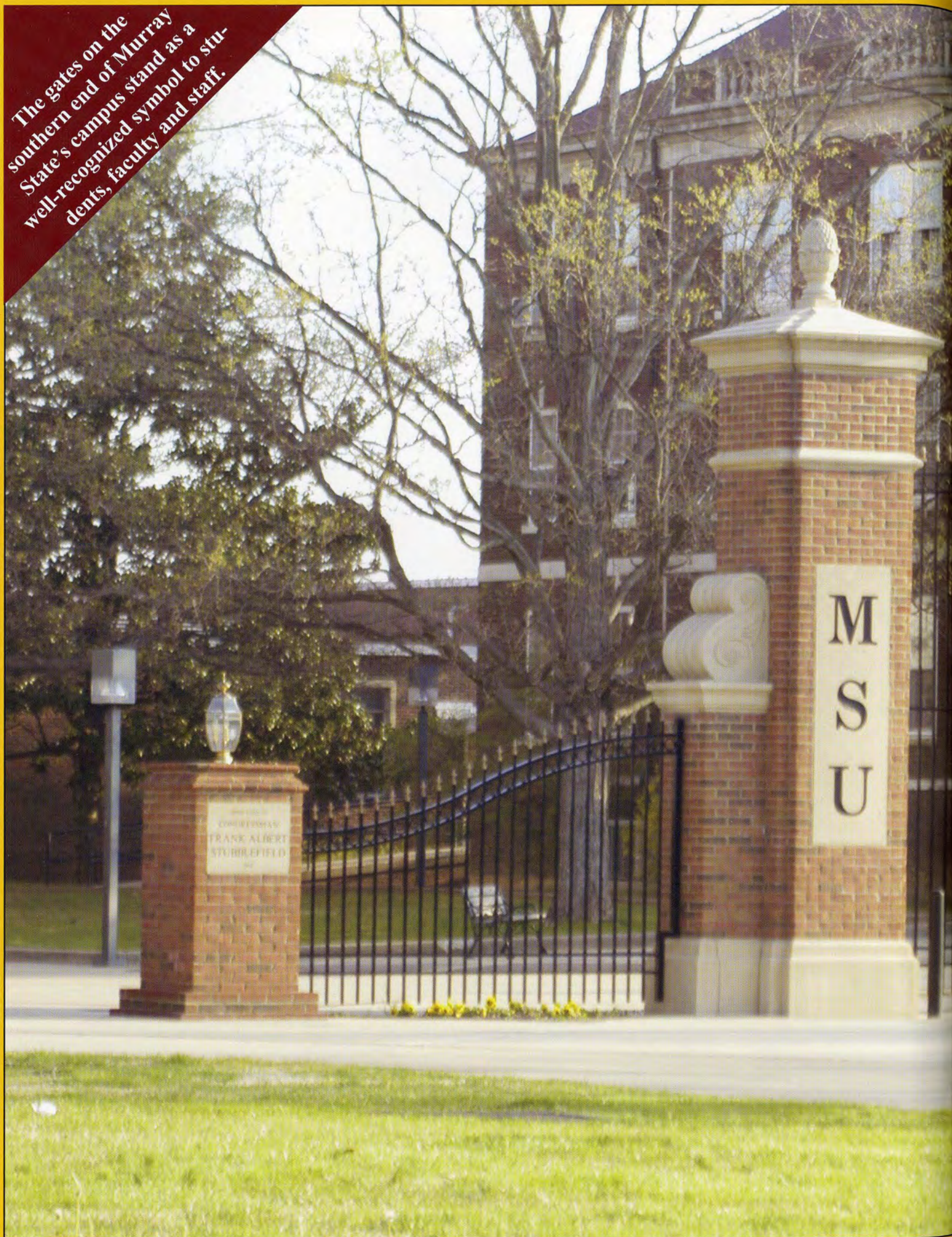


Murray State
students enjoy shady,
picturesque walks to class
in the spring and summer.





The gates on the southern end of Murray State's campus stand as a well-recognized symbol to students, faculty and staff.





NEWS

The 2005-2006 school year was packed with life-changing events on a national and local scale. In the fall, students watched their televisions each day to hear more about the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina. Still others kept up with most recent happenings with the War in Iraq. Still later, students, faculty, staff and members of the Murray community got another international opportunity to hear Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Walesa speak in Lovett Auditorium.

Murray State began the spring semester without University President F. King Alexander, who resigned to take the presidential position at the California State University at Long Beach. Thus began a semester-long search for the next president of Murray State. In May, Randy Dunn was announced the new university president.

Members of Murray State University rejoiced with fellow student Chelsea Thompson when she was crowned Mountain Laurel Queen and grieved at the death of Nadia Shahin, a graduate student from Egypt.

The year commenced in the Regional Special Events Center as the class of 2006 received their diplomas and bid farewell to Murray State, ending one chapter of their lives and beginning another.

While these stories were only a handful in a sea of events that made the 2005-2006 school year at Murray State what it was, they reflected impacting events in the University's history and served to define us all a little bit more.

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Jess Miller, junior from Murray, removes sheetrock in a house flooded in the storm. Miller went on a mission trip with the MSU Wesley Foundation, one of several groups from the area who traveled to the Gulf Coast.

[hurricane] katrina]

Katrina's aftermath affects Murray
community as refugees seek shelter at
local camp



story by **Joanna Anderson**

photography by **Amanda Smith and Elaine Kight**

Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast on August 29, 2005. Entire neighborhoods in Louisiana and Mississippi were destroyed by the storm.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that left thousands of people homeless, Murray's Camp Woodmen of the World housed former New Orleans residents.

One such resident was Legertha Christophe from East New Orleans.

"I couldn't ask for anything better. Murray is a beautiful city full of beautiful people," Christophe said. "I was at a shelter in Northern Louisiana when the buses arrived to take us to a safer shelter. 'People were lined up to get in the air-conditioned bus but I didn't care. I would have gotten on a horse and wagon to get out of there. My family and I got on a school bus. They had food and water waiting for us.'"

Dehydration became a problem for many Katrina survivors.

"I felt like a dry sponge," Christophe said. "It was like I couldn't get enough water in my system. We soaked up everything we could get our hands on."

For many New Orleans residents, the stay in Murray was only temporary while they decided to relocate.

"Murray was such a wonderful town that my husband and I may stay here," Christophe said. "Everyone is just so nice and helpful that I am really enjoying this town. When I left New Orleans my home was under water along with my two cars. Everything we own has been destroyed and it is time to move on and rebuild our lives."

Murray's Camp WOW was saving people's lives. The residents were truly grateful for all of the help that Murray gave them. Even the school system came to the aid of children and college students by enrolling them into classes while they are residing in Murray. Local churches and charities also donated their time and money to the relief effort. It just goes to show that a little help goes a long way.

Forty-two Murray State students started their Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays with Physical Training at 6:30 a.m.

These people were participants in MSU's Army ROTC program.

The ROTC program was reinstated at MSU in Nov. 2004 after an eight-year hiatus. The university's long history with the program was interrupted in 1997 due to an Army drawdown during the 1990s, according to Sgt. 1st Class Michael Taylor, who worked with the MSU students involved in the program.

"Murray...hated to see it go and looked to solve the issue," he said. Murray was able to do so when the Kentucky National Guard offered to allow a portion of its full-time force to fill the cadre positions at MSU.

Students in the program were required to take courses in both physical training and military science. While any MSU student could sign up for the program's 100 and 200-level classes, only students who were contracted were considered cadets. Many of them received full scholarships to Murray State.

Cadets attended physical training three times a week. They also took labs focused on military tactics, drill and ceremony, and first aid training on Thursdays. Cadets could major in anything Murray State offered while earning a minor in Military Science, said Taylor.

Cadet Laura Wontor, freshman from Paducah, was a nursing major and planned to pursue a career in the Army Nurse Corps after graduation.

"I joined ROTC because I wanted a career in a field with an honorable mission," she said. In addition to paying for her school expenses, "ROTC teaches discipline, leadership, camaraderie, and instills a high standard of living," said Wontor.

Cadet Daniel Bland, junior from Convington and a pre-veterinary major, planned to become an officer in the Army Veterinary Corps. He joined the ROTC in 2004.

"I figured that I didn't want to gain my freshman 15, so I signed up for the PT course to get in shape," Bland said. "ROTC provided excellent leadership training that would be useful in any career field" However, for Bland, the best part of being a cadet was "running around campus and waking everybody up at 6:45 in the morning."

ROTC Cadets are committed to eight years of service after college. They chose to serve this in one of two ways, according to Murray State's ROTC website. Those who select active duty spend four years on active duty and four on inactive ready reserve. Those who chose National Guard or Reserves serve six years there and then two on the inactive ready reserve.

The Iraq conflict had little impact on the ROTC program, said Taylor, as the people in the program were not yet soldiers. As of November 2005, five ROTC members had voluntarily decided to deploy with their National Guard Units. However, according to Taylor, all of these cadets were members of the Kentucky National Guard in addition to being college students.

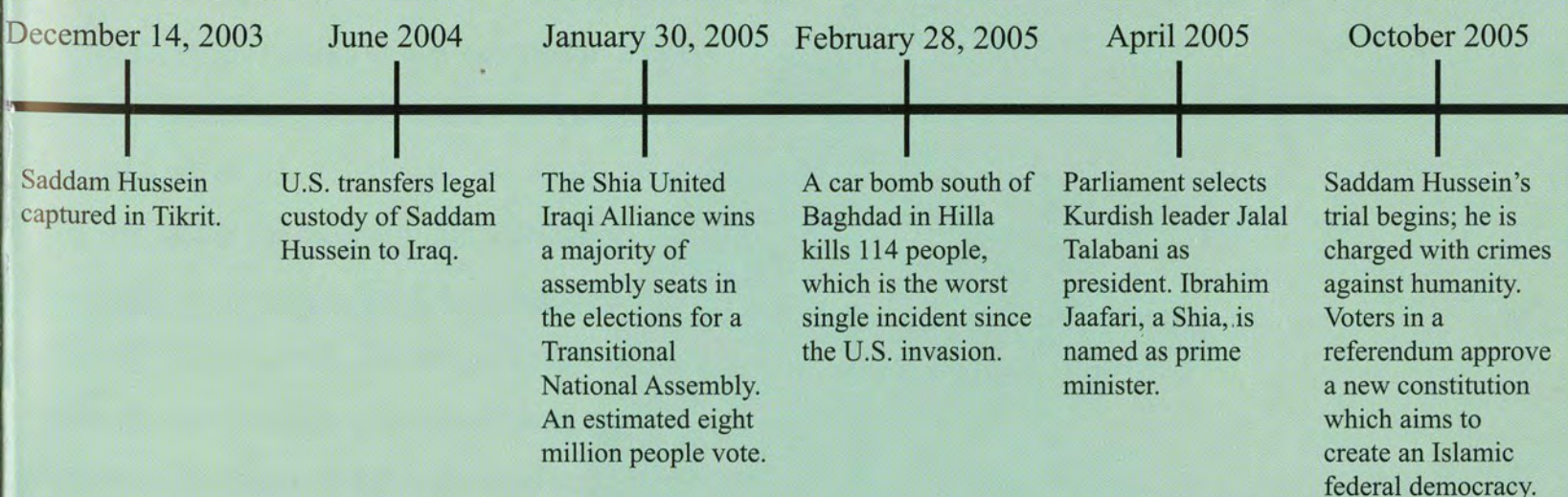
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Learning today, Leading tomorrow

ROTC program provides students with valuable leadership and personal fitness experience



A member of the Murray State Army ROTC practices her shot during one of the program's many training sessions.



*Information compiled by Elaine Kight from information provided from bbc.co.uk
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Alexander tradition Continues

F. King Alexander resigns and his father, Kern, steps in to take his place as the search for a new president begins

Story By **Elaine Kight**

Photos Courtesy of **MSU News Bureau**

On October 31, 2005, students pretending to be F. King Alexander showed up amongst the devils, ghosts and fairies at Halloween parties across campus.

President of Murray State since fall 2001, Alexander had just announced his plans to resign at the close of the fall semester in order to begin his tenure at California State University, Long Beach, prompting several students to dress as the university's fourth president for Halloween.

One of these students, Zac Smith, sophomore from Frankfort, crossed out "Murray" on his spirit wear and replaced it with "CAL" to represent the president's career change. He topped off the look with a sport coat and crown.

Of course, it was all in good fun. Smith said he appreciated Alexander's dedication to the students and their lives outside of school.



Dr. F. King Alexander

"I really liked him because he was involved and active on campus," Smith said. "He would go play basketball with the students."

Alexander enjoyed the social time, too, and said one of his favorite things about Murray was the informal relationship he had with the students on campus, a trend he hoped to continue during his tenure at CSU.

"I just hope I can get to know each of their 30,000 students like I know our 10,000 students," Alexander said.

Alexander said a bigger school is just one of the many challenges that drew him to take the job in Long Beach.

"As the 24th largest university in the country, CSU offers some opportunities and challenges that

I'd like to tackle," he said.

Alexander's last day at the university was January 3, 2006; he began as the sixth president of CSU Long Beach on January 9.

In the interim, Kern Alexander took his son's place as president until the Board of Regents appointed a new president. Kern Alexander served as Murray State's president in the seven years prior to his son's tenure at MSU.

Student body president Scott Ellison said he was looking forward to working with Kern Alexander.

"I see him working hard to see our budget to improve and to follow through with all our building projects," Ellison said. "He is really good with these tasks and I anticipate he will do a great job."

King Alexander said the Board of Regents and he have great faith in his ability to continue Murray State's tradition of success.

"He is returning because of his love for Murray and I know that he will provide stable transitions for the university," said King Alexander of his father. "He accomplished a lot during his seven years."

Students and staff agreed that King Alexander's four years at the university were successful, primarily because of his focus on the student's needs.

"There are many important aspects to the University in his eyes, but the students were the top priority," Ellison said. He pointed to two major projects—working to keep tuition low and opening the Susan E. Bauernfeind Wellness Center—to

demonstrate the president's student-oriented leadership. "He was very focused on the students concerns," Ellison said.

F. King Alexander agreed that a focus on the students has helped Murray State emerge as a



Dr. Kern Alexander

"national identity" through programs such as the residential college system. He said strong momentum and an active, involved Student Government Association will help continue this success.

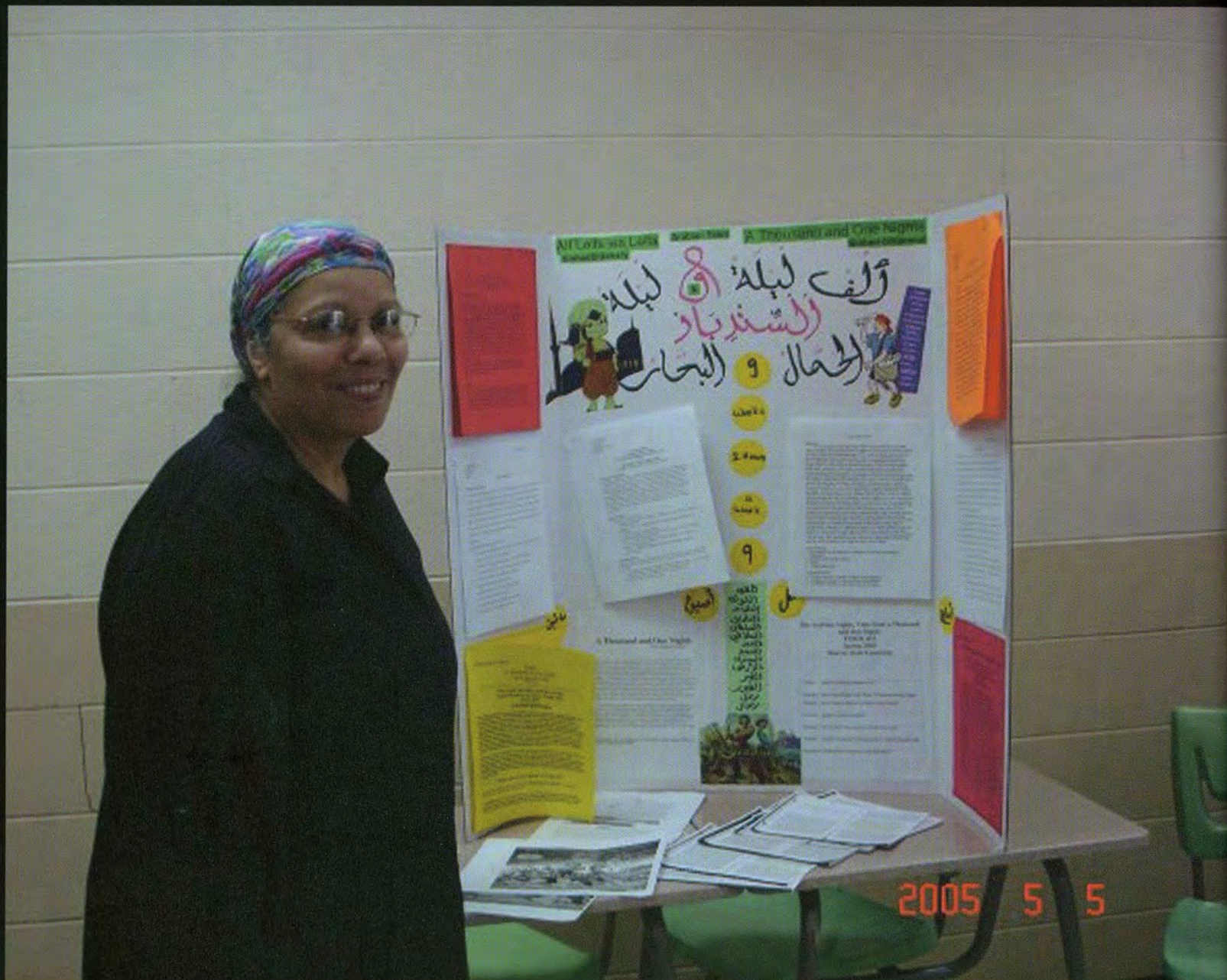
Said Alexander: "I would like to see somebody who continues to help Murray grow into a public ivy but takes more concern with the education aspect and not so much the façade."

Saying a Sad Goodbye

Students honor the memory
of one of their own

Story by Caitlin Wardlow

Photo Courtesy of MSU News Bureau



On November 11, 2005, Murray State lost one of its graduate students to a car accident. Nadia Shahin was a 62-year-old Egypt native who was planning on graduating in December with a master's degree from Murray State's Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages program.

After putting her three children through school at Murray State, Shahin had enrolled in the TESOL program.

Shahin was hit by a car around 2:30 a.m. and was pronounced dead several hours later. Shahin's body was released to her family later that week, and then transported to be buried in Washington, D.C.

Her family came back to Murray State for a memorial service on November 16 in the lobby of Woods Hall. Her family, friends and members of the university faculty and staff joined in paying tribute to Shahin. President F. King Alexander spoke at the memorial service and said that her master of arts degree would be awarded at commencement in December.

"It is in remembering that she stays with us that we understand the difference one

life can make," said Sue Sroda, coordinator of the TESOL program.

Many people filled the lobby of Woods Hall that evening, remembering Nadia Shahin. Some came to be a part of the experience, some came to pay their respects, and some came to visit with Shahin's three children.

Abdullah Elbannan, Shahin's 22-year-old son, said that he believed his mother had already "forgiven" and is at peace.

"There are so many lessons that can be learned from this," Elbannan said. "Some people will ignore the lessons and say, 'That will never happen to me,' but we have to learn the lesson. Otherwise, my mother died for nothing."

Shahin's three children established a scholarship in her name.

Accused in the accident was Harrison Yonts, sophomore from Greenville. At the end of the 2006 school year, Yonts faced charges of wanton murder, driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident and tampering with physical evidence. He pled "not guilty" to the charges.

**Nadia Shahin gives
a presentaion in
May 2005.**



Presidential Lecture Series Brings
Nobel Peace Prize Winner and
Former President of Poland to
Murray State

"Democracy: The Never-Ending Battle"

Story By Charissa Acree -- Photography By Marhsall Welch

On April 4, 2006, faculty, staff, students and members of the Murray community entered Lovett auditorium on Murray State's campus for the highly anticipated speech to be given by former president of Poland and Nobel Speech Prize winner, Lech Walesa.

Through the voice of an interpreter, Walesa addressed the audience for an hour concerning issues of globalization and democracy. Walesa specifically spoke to the United States, addressing it as the only superpower in the world and challenged the audience, "Have you ever reflected on what your position is in these circumstances?"

Walesa said he believed the world was transforming under a new era of globalization and needed reform. He told the audience that until the present day, the world considered democracy the model ideal, but under current circumstances, democracy was in need of reform. He said the world lacked the structural framework needed for the new era.

"Without values the twenty-first century cannot be controlled," Walesa said.

As he continued his speech, Walesa said the world wanted the United States to continue to be the leader, but that the United States was not leading the world in politics or values.

A citizen of Poland through post-World War II

aftermath, Walesa saw the destruction of his country and its rebuilding. As the leader of the Solidarity Labor Union in Poland, Walesa rose to power during the reign of communism in the country. Through his leadership, communist powers were eventually overturned and Walesa elected as president. For his efforts Walesa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. He was also named "Man of the

Year" by Time Magazine that same year.

Walesa's speech was the second in a series of Presidential Lectures hosted by Murray State.

Marshall Welch, a senior from Murray, was in attendance and said he enjoyed the lecture.

"I thought it was a very intelligent, very well thought out opinion," Welch said. "He is right, the United States is on the forefront of globalization. Sometimes we don't realize that."

Welch said he thinks the United States does not really know what it means to be oppressed, but thought Walesa was justified in speaking about oppression in light of what Poland has experienced in the last fifty years.

Said Welch: "It is easy to remain laissez-fair and stay uninvolved with the politics of other countries, but when someone like Walesa comes in and says, 'You're doing the right thing,' we should take note."

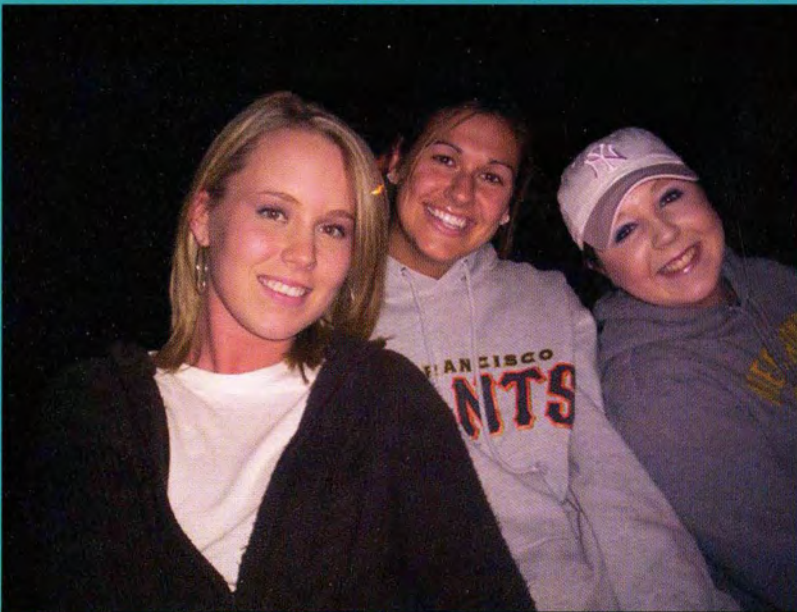
**"Without
values, the
twenty-first
century
cannot be
controlled"**

Senior

**Murray State Seniors Reflect on their
Experiences While in College**

Kristin Roberts

**Major/Minor: Management,
Marketing and Business
Administration
Hometown: Bardwell, KY**



"The best moment of my college career would be my bid day in the Fall of 2003 when I joined Alpha Gamma Delta. From that day on I have experienced some amazing moments with those girls and made friendships I know I will hold onto forever. I can honestly say I wouldn't have stayed at this college if I hadn't joined Alpha Gam and I will miss each and every one of them!"

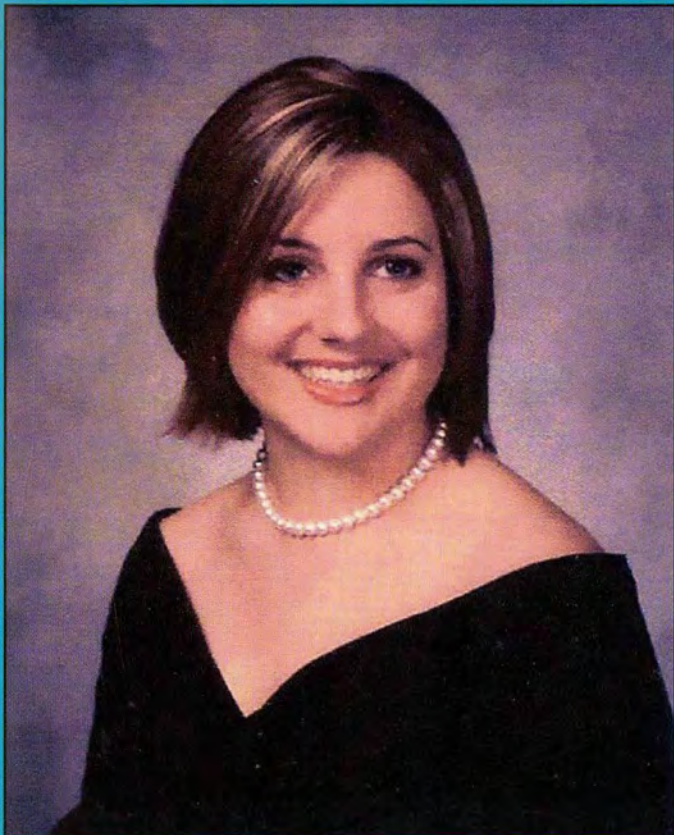
Memoirs

Compiled by Charissa Acree

Stacey Lynn Lee

**Major: Secondary History
Education
Hometown: Murray, KY**

**"Attending Murray State has allowed me to
make new friendships with people from
across the country."**



Meghan Mottaz

**Major/Minor: Journalism/ Political
Science
Hometown: Wellsville, MO**

**"My college experience has been
exceptional! I can thank my Tri-Sigma
sisters, professors, and friends for helping
me create memories that will last a
lifetime. I wish that someday everyone
could experience what I have here at
Murray State. It truly did become a second
home to me."**

Fall

Graduating seniors
glean some valuable
advice from University
President, Lt. Governor

Graduation

Story by Jessica Ferguson

Photography by Kate O'Holleran

Caps and gowns were ordered. All the paperwork had been completed. The entire family was sitting in the Regional Special Events Center with their cameras and tissues. The big event? December 2005 graduation at Murray State University.

The ceremony began with an address by University President F. King Alexander. He discussed how Murray State ranked in the top 20% of public universities, according to U.S. News and World Report. He also praised the graduate's ability to be successful after graduation, saying 92% of graduates were employed within six months of graduation.

After Alexander's address, the Outstanding Senior Man and Woman spoke to the crowd.

Outstanding Senior Woman Brianna Moore, middle school education major with a 3.91 GPA from Steeleville, Ill., was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Gamma Beta Phi and Phi Delta Kappa honor societies. Moore also won the Sigma Xi Student Research Award and was accepted to do research with Murray's National Science

Foundation Collaborative Research at Undergraduate Institutions program in the spring 2003 semester. She spoke about her college experience and ended her speech with a quote from Emeril Lagasse, "Bam!! We finally made it!"

Outstanding Senior Man Caleb Watters, public relations major with a 3.93 GPA from Fults, Ill., was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, Kappa Tau Alpha and Gamma Sigma Alpha honor societies. He was also a freshman year leader, section editor for *The Shield* yearbook, and student director for the Public Relations Student Society of America. He spoke about his memories of college, including great friends and professors who helped students move into their dorm rooms.

Lt. Governor Stephen Pence gave the commencement address. Pence had a special connection to one graduate in particular; his daughter was

receiving her Master's degree from Murray State. Pence told the graduates to work hard in their chosen fields, saying, "Reaching the goalposts of life is always a never-ending challenge." Pence ended his speech with, "Happy trails, good luck,



Diploma in hand, one senior is congratulated by F. King Alexander, Murray State's president.



Murray State University President E. King Alexander boasts of the University's high post-graduation employment rate.



and Godspeed to each of you.”

Some graduates enjoyed the ceremony, but were ready to graduate and begin their new lives.

“I’ve been looking forward to graduation for so long,” Mark Toren, senior from Paducah, said. “Now that it’s over, I’m ready to begin my new career and start my new life after college.”

Others wanted to continue their education. Ashley Ireland, senior from LaGrange, chose to attend graduate school immediately after receiving her undergraduate degree.

“I wanted to get my master’s degree to make myself more marketable in the future,” Ireland said. “I think I can get a better job if I have a graduate degree.”

According to the registrar, 843 students applied for December graduation. *The Shield* staff wished them all good luck in the future.



Outstanding Senior Man Caleb Watters speaks fondly of his memories at Murray State.

Spring

Over 1200 students receive
their degrees in May 13th
commencement

Graduation

Story and Photography by Marshall Welch

The Regional Special Events Center officially holds 8,602 people. On the morning of Spring Commencement, May 13, 2006, it seemed as though the RSEC was at full capacity. Never before had Murray seen such a crowd full of photographers as the May 2006 class finally got the chance to turn the tassels.

Commencement began with Scott Ellison, the SGA President, giving the invocation and introducing Interim President Kern Alexander. Alexander opened his address with a brief overview of the history of Murray State's graduation. He lent to the reason that we now held commencement at the RSEC to successful Kentucky education, saying that numbers for each graduation have continuously increased.

Alexander then introduced the Outstanding Senior Woman, Tera Rica Murdock. Murdock, a Chemistry and Spanish major from Murray, KY, graduating with an Honors Diploma summa cum laude, was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Alpha Mu Gamma, Gamma Sigma Alpha, Gamma Beta Phi, and Alpha Chi honor societies. Through her two years as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Research Scholar Murdock was the recipient of the Sigma Xi Award for Best Undergraduate Research Poster as well as the Analytical Chemistry Undergraduate Award for the American Chemical Society. She has held various leadership positions through Student Government Association's Judicial Board, the Honors Program Council as well as Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Murdock reminisced on her past four years here at MSU, saying that even though we don't all know each other, we all have a common bond through the experiences we shared at MSU.

Next was Outstanding Senior Man Mitchum Owen, Electronic Media major from Buchanan, TN. Owen graduated with a 4.0 gpa with an Honors Diploma summa cum laude. His honors include being named Who's Who Among Students in America's Universities and Colleges and was selected as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar. Owen was a member of Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Chi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Kappa Tau Alpha, and Sigma Eta and served as a freshman year leader, a student ambassador and an international ambassador. Owen commented on his many experiences at Murray State and how amazing it was that his roommates found out how to major in "Xbox" with concentrations in "Halo."

For some, the turning of the tassels came all too soon.

"You wait for this moment for four years...when it comes and goes it's like a fleeting glance," said Rebecca Boyd, from Murray. "If you aren't careful, you could miss it completely."

"Surreal: that's what it is" added Richard Blalock, from Murray. "You don't realize how fast that four years can fly by." Blalock is looking forward to the next step as he waits for the top offer from several medical schools.

All in all, 1260 undergraduate and graduate students graduated. The *Shield* staff wished all of them well in their upcoming endeavors.



Soon-to-be graduates wait outside of the Regional Special Events Center for the graduation ceremony to begin.



Outstanding Senior Man Mitchum Owen, of Buchanan, Tenn., speaks to Murray State's Class of 2006 as Outstanding Senior Woman Tera Rica Murdock and Interim President Dr. Kern Alexander look on.

Chelsee Thompson, senior from Murray, enjoys her reign as Mountain Laurel Queen. The competition was held in Pikeville.



queen for a day

story by Cecilia Gerard

Murray State's own makes a "courtly" debut in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky

In the hills of Pineville, Kentucky is held the annual Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival. According to the KMLF website, Memorial Day weekend of 2005 marked the 75th anniversary of the Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival. At the center of four days of festivities was the crowning of the Kentucky Mountain Lauren Queen. This year's winner was Murray State University's own Chelsee Thompson, senior from Murray.

Although the festival was only her second pageant, Thompson was not completely inexperienced in pageantry. Crowned Miss Murray State University in 2004, Chelsee attended the festival as a contestant in place of Jessica Crockett, MSU's 2004 Homecoming Queen. Usually the Homecoming Queen represented Murray State in the pageant, but as Crockett was unable to attend, Thompson went in her stead.

"It is an event strongly influenced by old southern tradition. Taking great pride in my Kentucky roots, I felt quite honored to have the opportunity to participate in such an event and even more honored to represent Murray State," Thompson said of her experience at the festival.

Murray State's student activities coordinator, Jeanie Morgan, is responsible for nominations to the festival from the university.

"I have worked with the Mountain Laurel Festival since 1984 and consider it one of the most beautiful and exciting events a young lady can participate in," Morgan said. "From the time I receive the invitation and submit our candidate's information... the excitement builds and I anxiously wait for that phone call when she says, 'I was crowned Mountain Laurel Festival Queen!'"

The Kentucky Mountain Laurel Festival Pageant was not like other pageants, however. Judging took place throughout the duration of the weekend. Contestants stayed with a host family in Pineville and attended events each day where judges watched them through a veil of anonymity. Every contestant was accompanied throughout the weekend by a male escort of her choosing.

Following the crowning ceremony, the winner's escort was then customarily dumped into the reflecting pool at the Laurel Cove Amphitheater, in this case, it was Thompson's brother, Drew.

"As I was being crowned by the governor, the other escorts picked up my brother, carried him to the pool and tossed him in!" Thompson said.

On Saturday, the week's events came to a head beginning with a huge, derby-style breakfast. The entire town came out, all dressed in wide-brimmed hats and green and pink, the colors of the festival. Following the breakfast, a parade snaked through town, featuring the Queen candidates atop convertibles and huge balloons used in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The parade ended at the amphitheatre in Pine Mountain State Resort Park, where each contestant had one last chance to show her best side, dressed head to toe in white.

Governor Ernie Fletcher crowned Thompson as Mountain Laurel Queen while eight little boys, serving as her attendants, helped her carry her enormous laurel cape. A Queen's Ball was held that evening, following the ceremony, where all contestants and the Queen danced a promenade they had learned earlier in the week.

Chelsee, now 22 years old, works for the Campus Recreation Office and volunteers at the American Red Cross. She is an Elementary Education major and is actively involved in Alpha Gamma Delta sorority at Murray State.



Thompson poses as Miss MSU. She was nominated for the 2005 competition by Alpha Gamma Delta.

LIFESTYLES

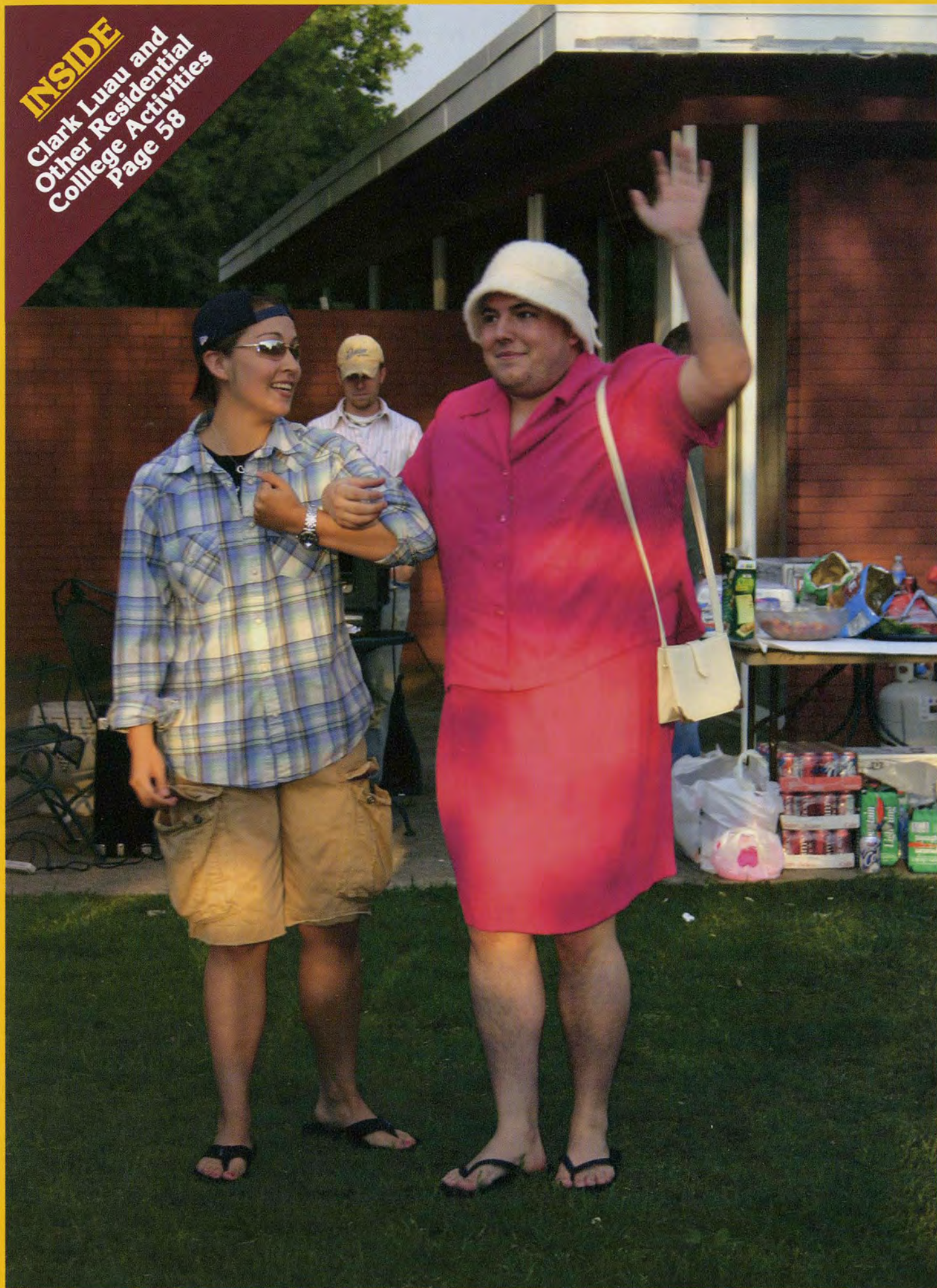
This year's Lifestyle section focused on Greek life, residential colleges, and student organizations.

It highlighted the hard work of the Greek community on their philanthropic events as well as the fun times enjoyed by the Greek community. It focused on the "Year of the Greeks" and showed how their philanthropy events contributed to many worthy causes around the country.

We at the Murray State *Shield* also focused on the residential colleges and what life is really like for students living on campus. With articles focusing on events sponsored by residential colleges as well as diverse opinions from students who lived in the residential colleges, this section focuses on campus life.

The Lifestyle section encompasses many parts of campus life. Take a look inside to see what the lifestyle of Murray State was in the 2005-2006 school year.

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Clark College

Elizabeth College



Housing 411

Problems with residential colleges present challenges for students

Story by Jessica Ferguson

Photos by Marshall Welch

Every year thousands upon thousands of Murray State students prepare to move into the residential colleges. They research the buildings, try to figure out which one has the largest closets, and where their friends will be living. After all the necessary research has been done, they send off their housing application and hope for the best. Sometimes, it does not turn out that way.

Junior Elizabeth Cawein, journalism major from Memphis, had a bad experience when she applied for housing.

“They (the housing office) lost all my documentation that I wanted to switch residential colleges,” Cawein said.

“They put me back in my old building and with my old roommate. I had to move in with an RA just to ensure I would get a room when people began to move out. It was terrible.”

Sometimes repairs to rooms can also be delayed.

“We had a leak in our room for six days before housing came to fix it. Everything was soaked,” Becca Whitfill, freshman from Falls of Rough, said.

“We had mold growing on our bathroom ceiling.” Sarah Furtkamp, freshman from Crestwood, said. “We eventually just had to clean it ourselves.”



Regents College

Richmond College





Hart College

Hester College



Student Thoughts on Housing

"This semester my boyfriend left for Iraq. I was really upset and my RA Maria was being really sweet. She ordered some pizza and shared it with me and we sat in the hallway until 2 a.m. having girl talk."

--Nicole Hartman,
junior from Hopkinsville

"I like living in the residential colleges because I enjoy having people around me. I like knowing that there's someone down the hall who wants to hang out, or that my suitemate can help me study for a big test. College can be overwhelming at times, and it's nice to have so many people around you that you don't feel like you're on your own."

--Jacqueline Jordan,
junior from Central City

"I guess my favorite memory of living in the dorms has been chatting with the desk workers when they are bored to death. It's nice knowing there's someone to talk to whenever I want."

--Rachel Blackburn,
freshman from Lone Oak

Housing Quick Facts

- The Housing Office was located at 206 Stewart Stadium
- The new Clark Residential College was expected to be completed in 2007
- Approximately 3,000 students lived in the Residential Colleges
- Direct any questions about the housing system to the Director of Housing and Residence Life at 809-2310.



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White College



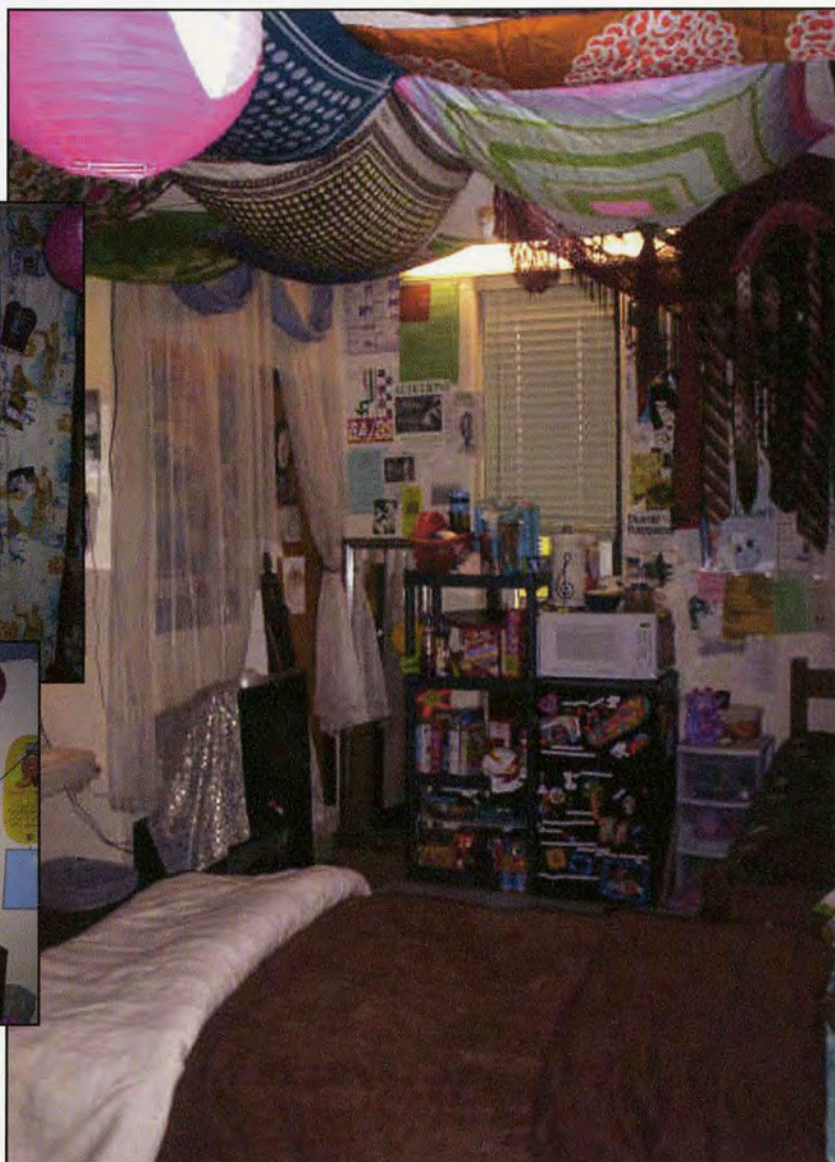
MSU Cribs

Students express their personalities by decorating their rooms

Story by Charissa Acree

This year, the *Shield* hosted the first-ever MSU Cribs contest, inviting students on and off campus to show us their decorating skills in their dorm rooms or apartments. Thanks to all the students who participated and to our top three picks, Cassie Fischer-Flaherty, Amanda Bazzel and Shanna Feezor, whose unique talents made their rooms a home-away-from-home.

1st Place
Cassie Fischer-Flaherty



Q with first-place winner
A Cassie Fischer-Flaherty

Q Why did you feel it was important to have a room that was decorated as yours was?

A We wanted our room to be an extension of ourselves. We are both very different, and we wanted our room to be unlike anything that we had ever seen.

Q What kind of theme or color scheme did you use while decorating?

A There was no theme. That's what we were going for. It's very eclectic, and that is very much our personal style. We called it, "Irregularity."

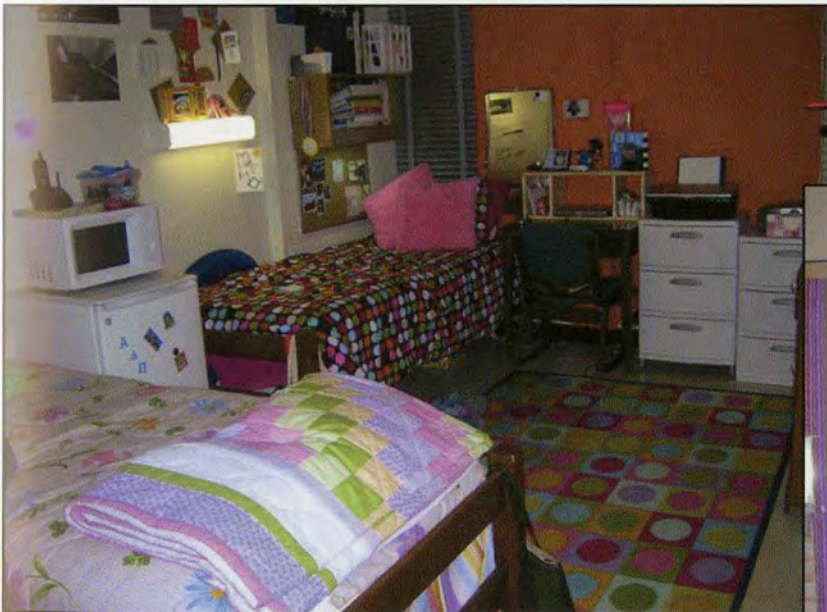
Q How has your room affected your life and your overall sense of comfort while attending college?

A It was very important to us that our room didn't look like a dorm room. We don't function well with bare walls and simple patterns. We needed our room to be bold like we are.

Q Where did you find the items you used to decorate?

A I made the artwork that was on the walls. Almost everything else was purchased at Angel's Attic.

2nd Place
Amanda Bazzel



3rd Place
Shanna Feezor

The Non-Traditional Student Organization held its 20th annual "Dog Day" on April 26. Faculty, staff and students were invited to stop by their tent at the quad to receive free hot dogs and drinks.



*Non-traditional students return to Murray
State to seek more education*

Returning to the Ring

*story by Jessica Ferguson
photo by Walt Garrison*

When most people enroll in college they think about what dorm they are going to live in or if they will get along with their roommate. However, for non-traditional students, the worries are a little different.

"It has been a challenge," said Steve Fly, a non-traditional student from Fulton. "It's strange being older than some professors and older than my fellow students."

Fly enrolled at MSU in 2005 after losing his job when General Tire in Mayfield closed its doors. He earned a business administration degree from the University of Kentucky in 1975. He was earning a teaching certificate and had plans to teach



secondary education and coach basketball.

Fly's situation was even more unique because his son was also pursuing a secondary education degree from the University of Kentucky at the same time.

"It's neat because I'll call him on his cell phone and ask what he's doing and he'll be walking to class at the same time that I am," Fly said.

Fly said that it was strange to be going back to school 30 years after he first graduated.

Said Fly: "It hasn't always been easy, but I've really enjoyed it."

Parent's Day

Parent of the Year:

John Rottman

Nominated by:

Kelly Rottman, junior Spanish major from Marion, Ill.

Why She Nominated Her Dad:

"He has done a lot for me and I wanted to show him how much I appreciate him."

Her Dad's Reaction:

"I was completely surprised and a little embarrassed."

Awards:

The Rottmans were recognized at the university tail gate.

They received a framed copy of the essay.

5 tickets in the President's box at the Parent's Day football game.

An engraved plaque presented by University

President F. King Alexander during the football game.

Compiled by Jessica Ferguson

Now and Then...

MSU Professors recall days past at their Alma Mater

When John Yates moved into Richmond Hall in 1961, he thought he had “died and gone to Heaven.”

Now, Dr. Yates, Dean of the Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach, was among a group of nearly 100 Murray State

alumni employed at the university.

In the fall of 1960, Yates was a freshman at Murray College, living in Wells Hall, the only men's dormitory at the time. When Richmond Hall opened in March 1961, he was among the first group of students to live in the dorm featuring such “unheard of” commodities as telephones and suites with private bathrooms.

“It dates me to think that I was the first student to move into Richmond and now they want to tear it down because it is too old and run down,” he said.

In addition to the construction of the current dorms, Yates and others experienced several changes in the campus layout during their time at Murray College. As a former Murray College baseball player, Dr. Yates spent much of his time as a student on a baseball field, which was on the site where the Industrial Technology Building stood in 2006. During free time between classes, a student during the 60's headed to the Student Union building, where the Waterfield Library now stands.

Greg Gierhart, an Early Childhood Education



lecturer, was an undergraduate in the early 1980s and remembered the year the Curris Center opened.

“Everyone came to look at the neat building. People from other colleges came to see it to gather ideas for their own student center,” he said.

According to Nursing Lecturer Renee Ridley, Mason Hall looked the same as it did when Riley was a nursing student in the early 1980s, except for the addition of a computer lab.

Reportedly, Ridley “had no campus life” because of the strenuous course load involved with her nursing major, but other former students recalled several events that still attracted students in 2006.

Gierhart participated in Tent City, Campus Lights and All Campus Sing, which he said were still popular activities among students in 2006.

Other well-attended events included basketball games and Homecoming, but according to Yates, “social events were planned around sporting events,” more so than he has observed with current MSU students.

Attending Racer Basketball games was, and continued to be, a favorite activity of many students, said Yates. Until the completion of the Regional Special Events Center in 1998, the Racers competed in the nostalgic Racer Arena. According to Robert Lyons, who attended Murray State in 1985 as a physics major, Racer Arena was “the worst arena but the best home court advantage in college basketball.”

Lyons and others remembered Greek life as an integral part of campus life. “Student government was very active at the time but most participants were in the Greek organizations,” recalled Yates.

Such Greek involvement led to several campus-wide activities like Watermelon Bust, ADPi500 and Derby Day festivities.

Otherwise, students resorted to homemade fun—“the less complicated the better,” said Lyons, who could often be found playing cards, attending sporting events and spending time with friends around town.

Many faculty pointed to one popular hangout that

looks and feels just like it did 40 years ago—Dairy Queen. The seasonal schedule kept many students in hungry anticipation of its March 1 opening and sent many students across campus on Halloween night to enjoy one last treat before the winter weather shut it down. Other attractions still in operation included Victor’s Sandwiches, Ruby’s and Pagliai’s pizza, which has since moved from the court square, said Gierhart.

Special Education professor Dr. Eric Umstead was a Marketing and Management major at MSU from 1982-1985. In the 20 years since his graduation he noticed few changes except for a Wal-Mart that ensured the daily existence of MSU students.

Aside from the physical changes to MSU and the surrounding town, the faculty alumni said the attitude of the university that attracted them years ago persisted today. “I chose Murray State University because the campus was beautiful and the faculty friendly to me,” said Gierhart.

As a prospective student in 1977, Dr. Steve Cobb was also impressed with the faculty.

“I met Phil Bryan, Dr. Dino Curris, and others who seemed genuinely interested in having me come here, and the faculty impressed me by being “normal”, which is not always the case with physics faculty. I’m glad I made the choice to come here,” he said.

In 2006, Dr. Cobb was the chair of the Physics and Engineering Department and said the southern hospitality he enjoyed 30 years ago remains.

“People are still remarkably friendly and they want to help students out when possible,” he said.

Although very different circumstances led each professor back to Murray State, they each expressed a desire to impact students the way their professors impacted them.

Said Gierhart: “The professors of Murray State University provided me with knowledge and skills to be an effective teacher. I wanted to do the same so that future teachers will have just as much zeal and enthusiasm for teaching as I do.”

John Yates, one of over one-hundred faculty alumni at Murray State, loves the “Southern hospitality and charm of the campus.

MEN'S more than FASHION: just a t-shirt and jeans

story by Bianca McNees
photos by Marshall Welch

Guys were not usually known for their good fashion sense. Most men considered fashion to be a T-shirt and jeans, but there were trendy fashions out there for men this year that some students here on campus showed off.

Starting at the top, men's fashion this school year started out with graphic T-shirts. No, not shirts with graphic words on them. Instead, these shirts had screened prints on them with everything from random pictures to a band's name.

As fall turned to winter, jackets became necessary. For the fashion-conscious man, this meant blazers. The best part about this style was that it was not formal attire; instead, these blazers were paired with the same graphic t-shirts of summer for a casual but trendy look.

Track jackets were also a must-have for outerwear this year. They were good for the very casual guy who did not want to go with the blazer look. These jackets were also worn over t-shirts.

While blazers and t-shirts were good, no outfit was complete without a good pair of jeans. Jeans could make or break an outfit so choosing the right pair was essential. The jeans to be seen in this school



year were bootcut destroyed jeans. You could find them in any store at the mall, the jeans with the holes already in them. The holes must be tasteful, however. No large holes all over, just small tears in some places on the jeans.

And what was a great outfit without the shoes? Men's footwear was not as extensive as women's footwear but there was still variety. Summer brought out the flip-flops, which were just as much for men as for women. Tennis shoes were always a good look for guys but some guys want to branch out from this look. For those, there was the clog, or slip-ons that were a version of the Birkenstock. There were also boots for the man who wanted to dress up a little.

This overview of men's fashion for the 2005-2006 school year just shows that men did have options. However, there will always be that t-shirt and jeans guy who will not listen to his fashion sense. It was alright, though, because the options were still there for him, whether he took advantage of them or not.

outfitataglance



story by Bianca McNees
photos by Marshall Welch

In Style

Murray State women keep up with the latest trends in footwear

The season changes here at Murray State's campus were beautiful. The changing colors of the leaves were as exciting to watch as the changing – shoes?

That is right. With the change of the seasons came an array of the season's best shoes and the women of Murray State knew how to show off their feet.

Let us start at the beginning, fall 2005. The humidity and heat of the southern summer brought out the flip-flops. These were no ordinary flip-flops. Instead these shoes took on a life of their own with everything from the small kitten-heels to sequins. No longer were flip-flops something you only wore to the pool. Flip-flops were a fashion statement and the women on campus made the statement boldly, sporting these shoes until the days their toes could not stand the cold anymore.

For these cold days, the boots came out. Now, there are many different types of boots and this

give 'blah' the boot



kickupyourheels



season saw the introduction of some new styles to the boot family. First, we had the basic boot. These boots had a heel on them, square or stiletto. The variation on these came with the toe. While pointed-toe boots have been a favorite for a couple of years now, this year we were reintroduced to the round-toe boot that was still trendy and slightly more comfortable.

The new boots that came Murray State were the wedge boot and fur-lined boot. The wedge-heeled boot often laced up the front and was worn over jeans. These boots often had as high of a heel as regular boots with more support through the arch.

The fur-lined boot often had similar characteristics as the wedge boot with a wedge heel and lacing up the front. However, these boots had faux fur lining across the top. Sometimes the whole boot had this fur on it as seen on stars like Pamela

Anderson and others.

The good news for the cowgirls of Kentucky was the come-back of the cowboy or western boot. This boot was made fashionable by Jessica Simpson in *The Dukes of Hazzard*. Soon, they were in every store and made the nation want to be a southerner.

Boots were a must-have item for winter, but what about those days when you had to dress up or have a date? For those days there were pumps. Just like with the boot, pointed-toe was the usual style for pumps but round-toe and peep-toe pumps made a return this year.

The women here at MSU knew what was in and what was not when it came to shoes. They showed up and showed off their style this year with their shoes. The seasons changed quickly but they could keep up.

Jeans:

Plain Wranglers
are no more

story by Bianca McNees
photos by Marshall Welch

Jeans were a way of life here in the south. They could be dressy or casual and the women at Murray State knew how to show the difference.

There were three styles that were seen on the women at MSU this year. The first was the destroyed jean. This jean has been around for a year or two but it continued to be a favorite of students here. These on the pocket, knee on the jean.

Ladies dressed down depending on destroyed jean was for the laid-back look dressy top and heels good for going out.

Another type chose to wear this with designs on it. These designs could be floral appliqués or even sequins and shiny beads. Often, it was only possible to wear this type of jean with just one outfit so the trend did not last long. The late fall and early winter was the extent of this fashion choice.



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Lastly, spring brought out the skinny jean. These jeans were popular when most students at MSU were still dressed by their parents.

However, they have made a come-back and are sold in stores like The Limited and Express.

Skinny jeans were the opposite of the flare-leg or bootcut pants we were used to seeing. They were tight and very form-fitting with tapered ankles. While not every body type looked good in this jean, it was back and worn by models like Kate Moss and stars like Lindsey Lohan.

Everyone had a favorite pair of jeans.

What would it have been like without those comfortable pants that you felt good in? For the women of MSU, though, jeans were a major fashion that they could not live without as was seen this year in the new and old styles we saw every day.

jeansforthought



A photograph of a crowded Greek party. In the foreground, a person in a blue long-sleeved shirt has their hand raised. Next to them, a person wears a tan cowboy hat and a striped shirt. To the right, a person in a brown baseball cap is visible. The background is filled with other partygoers, some wearing hats, in a dimly lit setting.

*Greek Party Regulations

new regulations
change the face
of having a
good time



*** Open parties had always been a hallmark of Greek life on Murray State's campus, however, the Interfraternity Council changed that rule by implementing a new social events policy in the fall of 2005.

These regulations were passed on top of University regulations already in place for fraternities which required a pre-approved list and wrist bands for students to distinguish those that were over and under 21. The new regulations further stipulated that nearly all fraternity parties would no longer be open to non-Greek males and would only be open to invited non-Greek girls who had to be on a pre-approved form.

The rule took effect September 19. The rules were designed to reduce problems at social events according to Rob Whitefield, public relations director of IFC.

"In addition to making our parties safer and to decrease liability for the individual fraternities, we have decided to close parties to non-Greek males," said Whitefield. "We do not have problems with women starting fights at parties. We do not have problem with women causing property damage at our parties.

Virtually 100 percent of the time, it's men."

After the new rule took effect, fraternities were only allowed two open parties a semester, plus their philanthropy events. This was in stark contrast with previous semesters when open parties were unlimited.

Another reason for these new IFC rules was the belief that if Greek parties were closed to only Greeks, it would encourage more males on campus to join a fraternity. Although there was mixed feelings about this strategy, some students believed it was working.

"When you are on the outside of Greek life, you think the policy is a horrible idea, but once you're inside you understand the liability issues the fraternities have," said Michael Ahart, junior from Paducah. "I think there are some students who won't want to be on the outside, and that will encourage them to go Greek."

But other students still thought that the party situation had little effect on Greek rush numbers.

"You can always party somewhere else, so keeping non-Greek males out of the parties isn't a big deal," said Chris Bruce, sophomore from Madisonville. "Fraternities aren't all about that, and if students decide to go Greek, it will be for their own reasons."

Story by Todd Broker



Fine

Murray community provides students with choices and variety for dining

Dining

Story by Jessica Ferguson
Photos by Marshall Welch

“There’s nowhere to eat in this town,” was a common complaint made by students across Murray State’s campus. However, if you looked around, you will find that Murray is home to several unique local eateries. If you were craving pizza, then Matt B.’s on Main Street or Pagliai’s on Chestnut Street were great places to try. If you were looking for a great burger, Sammon’s on Chestnut Street was a good place to start. They made their own bread and were famous for their doughnuts as well. If you were looking for

Restaurants Around Town...



Gloria's



Tom's Grille



El Mariachi
Loco



Matt B's Main
Street Pizza

places closer to campus, you visited Vitello's for Italian, Mr. Ed's for burgers and Gloria's World Village for ethnic foods, all three located on 15th street. If you were in the mood for a salad, then you would try H.R.H. Dumplin's on 16th street. They were also well known for their desserts. If you had a craving for Chinese food, then you went to August Moon near Highway 121 or Asian Buffet on 16th street. Both were known for their variety of choices and good service. If you were in the mood for Mexican food, Los Portales on 16th Street was a good choice. They had a to-go option and served

free chips and salsa with every meal. If you were looking for something formal, Tom's Grille or J. Edward's, both on 16th Street, were good places to try. Both offered a variety of foods and a classy atmosphere. On the other end of the spectrum, if all you were craving is a great cup of coffee, then you could try Mugsy's Hideout, located downtown, or the Cornerstone Coffee Shop on Chestnut Street. Both served a variety of coffees and snacks.

No matter what you were craving, Murray had something to offer.



Vitello's



Big Apple Cafe



Mr. Ed's
Campus Grill



August Moon

Reaching out to Make a Difference

Campus Ministries Convey Important Message

Story by Todd Broker – Photo Courtesy of Christ Ambassadors

Reaching out and helping those in need was part of what made Murray State special, and the Christian campus ministries were just a further extension of that sentiment. Three ministries in particular, Christ Ambassadors, Baptist Campus Ministry, and Murray Christian Fellowship, all made an impact for our community, country and world in 2006.

Christ Ambassadors, or Chi Alpha, took over 40 Murray State students to Amsterdam, Netherlands on their annual international missions trip over the 2006 spring break, March 17-24. The mission trip was evangelical in nature and centered around street ministry.

“We really believe God led us to Amsterdam,” said Ryan Brooks, the Associate Pastor of Chi Alpha. “At one time, Europe was a center of Christian thought, but now cities like Amsterdam could be considered centers of sin, depression and hopelessness. Our purpose [in Amsterdam] was to spread the news of Jesus, with His forgiveness, joy and hope, to anyone and everyone who would listen.”

On Murray State’s campus, Christ Ambassadors had regular Wednesday night meetings at 7 p.m. in the Curris Center Theater and averaged more than 200 attendees per week. Their collective purpose was summed up in the biblical verse II Corinthians 5:20, “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors as though God was making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf; be reconciled to God.”

Besides the people of Amsterdam, the students who went were also touched, both in mind and soul.

“I am honored to have participated in the missions trip to Amsterdam,” said Jenni Siler, senior from Nashville, Tenn. “It was life-changing for the people we met and the students. I couldn’t have had more fun.”

The Baptist Campus Ministry, or BCM, also took a mission trip over the 2006 spring break, to Ocean Springs Mississippi, in the heart of the region devastated by

Hurricane Katrina. The students donated their time, labor and resources to helping several families get their lives back on track by helping clean up and fix their damaged homes.

During the school year the BCM had around 400 participants in their ministry, either through bible studies, their Luncheon program, or their weekly Thursday night worship service at 7 p.m. called TNT, or Thursday Night Thing. The students of BCM greatly appreciated their opportunity to serve in their ministry, both during the year and on the mission trip.

“I was humbled in my experience in Mississippi because of the tremendous amount of possessions missing,” said Stephen Parker, freshman from Murray, Ky. “The people were amazing because they were so grateful that people, especially college kids, would take time out of their spring break to come help them. I found this to be very encouraging to our group.”

Besides these two groups, the Murray Christian Fellowship, or MCF, also went on a mission trip to Winslow, Ariz. in May of 2006 to work with a school for Navajo kids. The mission team included several Murray State students and helped improve the school, worked with the kids and did street ministry.

During the year MCF had regular Wednesday meetings called Synergy and regular Sunday night meetings called M.A.P. They also had a campus house on Chestnut Street across from the I.T. building, which was always open for visitors, where they promoted their purpose which was to impact the global culture by growing students into a radical intimacy with Christ.

“The trip [to Arizona] gave students a chance to do cross-cultural ministry within the United States, at a pretty cheap cost,” said Brian Baldwin, Senior Campus Pastor. “The Navajo have a culture of hopelessness and we really wanted to help them change that.”



Barry Morris, senior from Memphis, Tenn., gives people something to think about as they walk down an alley leading to the Red Light district in Amsterdam.

Making Their Mark

10 Murray State students set an example for their peers

compiled by Jessica Ferguson *** photography by Marshall Welch

Jessica Crockett

Organizations

- *Alpha Delta Pi: Recruitment Vice-President, Panhellenic Delegate, Scholarship Chair
- *Panhellenic Council: Vice-President, President
- *Racer Band, Basketball Pep Band, Symphonic Band
- *Murray State Judicial Board
- *Omicron Delta Kappa
- *Order of Omega
- *Gamma Sigma Alpha
- *Honors Program.
- *Greek Woman of the Year in 2005
- *2004 Murray State Homecoming Queen



Proudest Moment

In 2004, I was chosen by my sorority sisters to represent them as their Homecoming Candidate. Not only was I lucky enough to be chosen as one of the five finalists, but I also had the honor of being chosen by my peers to represent them and the university as their Homecoming Queen.

Future Plans

I plan on attending law school and pursuing a legal career, working as an attorney or for a non-profit organization.

Organizations

- *Campus Activities Board
- *Campus Outreach
- *Student Ambassador
- *First Year Leader
- *Summer O Counselor
- *Inter-Fraternity Council
- *Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity
- *Student Government Association President
- *Omicron Delta Kappa
- *Order of Omega
- *2005 Homecoming King
- *2005 Lambda Chi Alpha member of the year
- *White College Honor Society

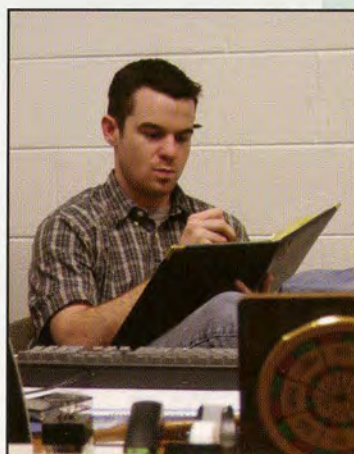
Proudest Moment

I was really proud when I was elected Student Government Association President. I was a great race for the position and it was a wonderful feeling when I won. There have been some many great SGA Presidents before me, so I knew had a lot to live up to. It was a position that required me to be very responsible and organized. I was ready for the challenge and it helped me grow as an individual.

Future Plans

As of now I am planning to stay here at Murray State University to obtain my Masters degree in Business Administration. After that, only time will tell.

Scott Ellison



Organizations

- *Athletic Director of Hart College—4 years
- *Hart Residential College Council
- *Public Relations Student Society of America: Rookie of the Year
- *Phi Beta Lambda: State Finalist and 4th place Improptu Speaking
- *Baptist Student Union
- *Campus Outreach
- *Racer Athletics Promotional Team
- *Relay For Life Team
- *Volunteer: United Way, Racer Athletics, Calloway County Animal Shelter
- *Mr. MSU 2005: Crowd Appeal Winner, 3rd Runner-Up

Proudest Moment

My proudest moment/accomplishment was representing Hart College at the Mr. MSU show in the fall of 2005. I wrote and performed a rap song in the show that allowed me to represent and promote Murray State. This led to a performance for the Board of Regents and former university president F. King Alexander. The students on campus really embraced the song and the response was amazing.

Future Plans

I would love to pursue a career in athletics or electronics. Wherever I go, I want to have a leadership role in the organization. My true love is public speaking.

Matt Whitaker



Laura Kight

Organizations

- *Alpha Sigma Alpha: Vice President of Alumnae & Heritage
- *Omicron Delta Kappa: President, Vice President of Membership Selection
- *Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Society
- *Honors Program
- *National Residence Hall Honorary
- *Student Ambassador
- *Regents College: Residential College Council Vice-President, RCA Representative, Publicity Chair
- *Alpha Mu Gamma
- *Gamma Sigma Alpha
- *Gamma Beta Phi
- *Miss MSU 2005 Contestant

Honors/Awards

- Dean's List
- Alpha Sigma Alpha Ideal New Member
- Elizabeth Bird Small Award
- RCA First Year Experience Award

Proudest Moment

I have never been more proud than when my sisters and I came together during this most recent Toys for Tots dinner to cook Christmas dinner for families and buy them gifts using money that we raised from our annual Dodgeball tournament.

Future Plans

I will attend law school in the Fall of 2006. I would like to practice family and public interest law.



Organizations

- *Student Government Association: Senator, Judicial Board
- *Springer-Franklin Residential College Council: President, Special Events Chair
- *Rotaract Club: Historian
- *Campus Activities Board
- *Resident Director Selection Committee
- *African American Recruitment Team: President
- *Leaders Enhancing Academic Diversity Team: President
- *American Humanics Program
- *Speech and Debate Union: Vice President
- *National Residence Hall Honorary
- *Renaissance for Knowledge Library Renovation Committee
- *Pi Kappa Delta National Forensics Honorary Society

Organizations

- *Omicron Sigma Kappa
- *Freshman Year Leader
- *Black Student Council

Proudest Moments

One would be that I successfully recruited 6 students from my hometown to come to MSU after my freshman year. I believe the other would have to be receiving this honor; that means that you are in the top 1% of students at this university. I feel that it really means a lot to receive an honor for being somewhere you love.

Future Plans

I plan to go to graduate school and earn a degree in public administration, and hopefully go on to do some work in helping young voters understand the importance of voting as well as the process.

Amber DuVentre





Organizations/Honors

- *Student Government Association: Vice-President, Secretary
- *Campus Activities Board: Showcasing Chair, Secretary, President
- *National Student Speech Language Hearing Association: Historian
- *Kentucky Speech Hearing Association
- *Alpha Omicron Pi: Intramurals Officer
- *Red Cross Club: Vice-President
- *Summer Orientation Counselor
- *MSU Homecoming Court 2006
- *Sigma Alpha Lambda
- *Omicron Delta Kappa
- *Gamma Sigma Alpha

Volunteer Work

I work at Glendale Place Christian Retirement Community and have gone on three mission trips to Mexico. We helped build concrete churches in the cities of Matamoros, Nuevo Laredo, and Saltillo.

Future Plans

I will attend graduate school in the fall and receive a master's degree in speech language pathology.

Meagan Rogers

Organizations

- *United States Army Reserve: Finance Specialist
- *International Brotherhood of Boilermakers: M.O.S.T. Organization, Safety & Health Site Observer, Safety Trainer/Training Coordination Assistant

Proudest Moment

My proudest moment and greatest memory of MSU was when the Greek Community served the inner city of Mayfield, Kentucky. For over 300 Greeks to be unified in such an endeavor brought me the greatest sense of pride.

Future Plans

After graduation in December, I plan to be a chapter consultant for the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for one year. After that I plan to attend graduate school to obtain a MBA degree.



Michael Brown

Organizations

- *Recycling Committee: Student
- *Recycling Coordinator
- *Honors Program
- *Sierra Club
- *Vagina Monologues: Director
- *Alpha Mu Gamma
- *Habitat for Humanity
- *Canterbury House Ministries

Proudest Moment

I became involved with recycling because I felt there was a big lack of awareness and actual recycling on campus. My family has always recycled and I became very concerned that I was having to throw away items, because of the lack of

receptacles, that I had previously been able to recycle. The recycling committee is spreading awareness about the recycling we already have at Murray State, and working with administration and facilities management to increase the amount of bins throughout campus to make it easier for students to recycle. We all really believe in recycling and want to make it a priority at Murray State.

Future Plans

At this point I am taking a year off from school to possibly teach Spanish to elementary aged children or work with Americorp. I plan on applying for Law school next fall and hope to focus on either international or environmental law.



Kristen Rankin

Matt Kelleher

Organizations & Activities

- *Christ Ambassadors: President
- *Pre-Health Professional Club
- *Student Government Association: Senator
- *Chemistry Tutor in Lowry Center
- *Intramural Basketball, Football, Volleyball
- *Chemistry Research with Dr. Mark Masthay

Honors/Awards

- *Dean's List every semester (3.93 GPA)
- *Dr. Lowry West Kentucky Surgical Scholarship
- *First Place Oral Presentation: Kentucky Academy of Science and University of Memphis
- *Murray-Calloway County Medical Scholarship
- *Early Acceptance to the University of Louisville School of Medicine

Volunteer

- *Hospital Volunteer/Shadowing
- *Coach 5th and 6th grade Little League Basketball
- *Nursing Home and Jail Ministries
- *Overseas Mission Trips last 4 years
- *Campus Ministry Community Clean Up Day
- *Led an International Conversation Class

Future Plans

I am going to Medical School in the Fall at the University of Louisville. I would love to travel one day as a medical missionary to a third world country spreading the love of Jesus.



MSU members in Transparent

Jarrold Rudesill
Jordon Rudesill
Patrick Johnson
Kaleb Scharmahorn
Nick Garvin

- *Formed in February 2004.
- *First CD release in February 2006.
- *Live Radio Interview on WAMP 88.1 Jackson, TN.
- *Alpha Delta Pi Battle of the Bands Winner
- *Performed with John Rueben at X-Trem Fest, Fort Thomas, KY
- *Feed the Multitudes, Jackson, TN.
- *Played at various festival, churches, and conferences all over the region.

Goals

We hope that we affect the student body by living out what we sing and what we write through our lives. All of our songs we play and write consist of positive and christian lyrics that hopefully encourage and uplift the listener and teach biblical and moral truth.

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Transparent

Making Memories

The residential colleges are great places to make friends and memories that last a lifetime

Story by Jessica Ferguson

Moving away to college, learning how to live with a roommate, and suffering through cafeteria food can all be difficult for new students to cope with. The residential college system at Murray State was designed to help alleviate some of these stresses for students.

Kori Geary, junior from Beaver Dam, was a resident advisor in Hester College. She felt that being involved in her residential college had been a very rewarding experience.

"I have made a lot of friends, grown as a person, and found a family in Hester," Geary said. "We are a tight knit community that works together as a family. It is my home away from home!"

Hester sponsored many activities to help create that home away from home atmosphere. They sponsored an open-door contest at the beginning of the school year to encourage residents to keep their room doors open and meet new people. They also hosted a luau at the end of the year where all of the graduating seniors signed the Hester rock.

Geary also felt that being involved with residential colleges allowed residents to be more involved in other activities.

"Being involved in residential college life is what you make it, if you're not involved in your residential college, you could be more likely to be homesick and not have as much fun," Geary said. "When you are involved in one thing you begin to be involved in other things."

Residential colleges also allowed students to meet people from other countries. Regents hosted an

international dinner where residents participated by cooking an international meal and then sampling all the meals that were provided.

"Being involved in Regents has allowed me to meet so many new people from all over the world," Ashley Lipham, senior from St. Louis, Mo., said.

Lipham also felt that students should make the most of their time in the residential colleges.

"I would encourage residents to be involved by participating in programs in the building," Lipham said. "But a good community begins with something as simple as leaving doors open and random nights of hanging out. It can be scary for freshman, but the residential college promotes a positive community that allows students to network and make friends."

Diane Nunn, junior from Cunningham, Tenn., has also made some great memories while living in White College.

"I love when White college has the slip-n-slide in the back yard. It is always fun and everyone gets together and has a good time," Nunn said.

Nunn also felt that living in the residential colleges is a great way to meet people.

Said Nunn: "Being involved with White college has helped me make friends that will last a lifetime. I found a support group that has helped me through some good times and some bad."

Heather Stroupe, a member of Clark College, has her head shaved in memory of a friend who died of cancer. Stroupe's act was the pinnacle of a yearlong effort in Clark College to raise money for cancer research.



Love is in the Air

Murray State couples find love on campus

Students have many different reasons for attending college. Some people went to college to get an education, learn how to be better leaders, or make life long friends. Sometimes along the way something wonderful can happen. People fall in love.

Murray State has a tradition of being the meeting place for many couples, it only took one look at the “shoe tree” to see how many happily married couples began their lives together on this campus. Here is a closer look at three couples who are carrying on the tradition of falling in love at Murray State University.

story by Jessica Ferguson

“The greatest Murray tradition for us as a couple is hands down Homecoming weekend. That is the weekend in 2003 that we finally became ‘official.’ Even though our anniversary doesn’t always fall on Homecoming, we really feel connected to that weekend. We were both part of the parade that year, and have been every year since.”

--Amanda Birkner

Kyser Lough and Amanda Birker Engaged: September 2005

Kyser Lough, senior public relations major from Murray, and Amanda Birkner, senior education major from McLeansboro, Ill, met while living in Hester College. They were both involved in the residential college activities and worked on the MSU Shield yearbook staff together. They were also very involved in the Wesley Foundation campus ministry and went on mission trips together. The couple has a such a strong sense of pride in their residential college, that Kyser even proposed on the rooftop of Hester. They were married in June 2006.





“One of our favorite tradition is our Taco Bell date night,” Ringley said. “Every Sunday we eat tacos. We have only missed six Sundays in the last three years and our parents always get us gift certificates for Christmas. It’s a fun tradition for us.”

--Ryan Ringley

Larry O'Malley and Ryan Ringley Engaged: November 2005

Larry O'Malley, senior pre-med major from Memphis, and Ryan Ringley, senior organizational communication major from Memphis, met during their freshman year at Murray State in the fall of 2002. They had mutual friends and spent time together in group settings before officially becoming a couple on Nov. 10, 2002. They were engaged exactly three years later on the same date. After graduating in May, the couple returned to Memphis where Larry attended medical school at the University of Tennessee—Memphis. They were married on July 15, 2006.

Rachael Alberter, a senior Independent Studies major from Swansea, Ill, and Tyler Phillips, senior criminal justice major from Louisville, met in Alexander Hall during their sophomore year. They quickly became friends and began dating almost a year later. Phillips proposed by taking Alberter to their church, where it was decorated with over 150 candles. He played a slideshow of their pictures from their relationship and asked her to spend the rest of her life with him. After graduation, they will move to Arkansas where Tyler will work with the Campus Outreach program for Arkansas State University. They were married on June 17, 2006.

Tyler Phillips and Rachael Alberter Engaged: December 2005

“We don’t get to see each other too much right now, but we are going to hang our shoes on that tree one of these days.”

--Rachael Alberter



Story by Jessica Ferguson – Screenshot Courtesy of Facebook.com

Facebook Changes Campus Life

The addition of a social networking site allows students to stay in touch with friends at many other schools

“I’ll Facebook you,” had become a common phrase heard on the campus of Murray State. Facebook.com was a popular social networking website that allowed anyone with a school e-mail address to create a profile. On their profile, members could post photos, describe themselves and their interests, comment on other members’ walls, join groups, and send messages.

Jacqueline Jordan, junior from Greenville, joined Facebook to keep in touch with her friends.

“It’s a great way to see what other people are doing,” Jordan said. “I can see if someone is a new relationship, what their upcoming plans are, or if they have gotten a new job. Everyone always updates their profiles when anything new happens

in their lives, so it’s a great way to keep up with everyone.”

Jordan was not alone in her usage of the Facebook website. According to Wikipedia, as of December 2005 there were over 20 million profiles created by college students from more than 2,000 universities on Facebook. The website claimed that 60 percent of their users logged in daily and 85 percent of their users logged in at least once a week.

These statistics were not surprising to Megan Hudelson, freshman from Louisville.

“Whenever I have down time at work, I check my Facebook account,” Hudelson said. “I usually check it several times a day to see if I have any new messages or if anyone has posted new

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Poke Her!

Add Jacqueline as a Friend

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Mutual Friends

5 friends in common.

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Patrick
WallaceJessica
FergusonCharissa
Acree**Murray State KY Friends**286 friends at Murray State
KY. See All**Information****Account Info**

Name: Jacqueline Jordan [add to friends]

Network: Murray State KY '07

Last Update: May 11, 2006

Basic Info

Sex: Female

Interested In: Men

Relationship Status: Single

Residence: White PENTHOUSE

Concentration: Journalism and Mass Communications, Youth and Non-Profit Organizations

Birthday: November 12, 1984

Hometown: Greenville, KY

High School: Muhlenberg North High School '03

Contact Info

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jacqueline.jordan@murraystate.edu

AIM Screenname: jackieo713

Personal Info

Political Views: Moderate

Activities: Thoroughbred Cafe, American Humanics, Cinema IV, Main St. Youth Center

Interests: Reading, Writing, Photography, playing guitar, taking ridiculous pictures, good causes

Favorite Music: John Mayer, Ryan Adams, Death Cab, The Fray, The Decemberists, Jon McLaughlin, Damien Rice, Tegan and Sara, Feist, Imogen Heap, Heather Headley, Rilo Kiley, Augustana

Favorite TV Shows: GREY'S ANATOMY (I'm so obsessed, its pathetic), Friends, American Idol, anything on the Style Network, Ellen, Conan

Favorite Movies: Anchorman, Wedding Crashers, Vanity Fair, Walk The Line, A Lot Like Love, Fever Pitch, Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken, Elizabethtown, The Family Stone, Dodgeball, The 40 Year Old Virgin, Sweet Home Alabama, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind



photos of me.”

While using Facebook could be a good way to stay in touch with people, users were aware of what information they should post on their profiles. Some companies checked Facebook profiles of potential employees before hiring them. During student government elections held in October 2005, results at both the University of Missouri and University of Pennsylvania were delayed due to early campaigning violations on Facebook. Students at the University of California—Berkeley were expelled over criticism of a campus police officer. Students were able to adjust the privacy settings on their accounts so that only their approved friends can see their information.

While many students have heard of the problems and concerns with Facebook, most continued to use the website.

“I think most people, by the time they get to college, can be held responsible for their own actions,” Misty Hays, junior from Parsons, Tenn., said. “I’m always aware of what I put on my profile and I think most other people are as well.”

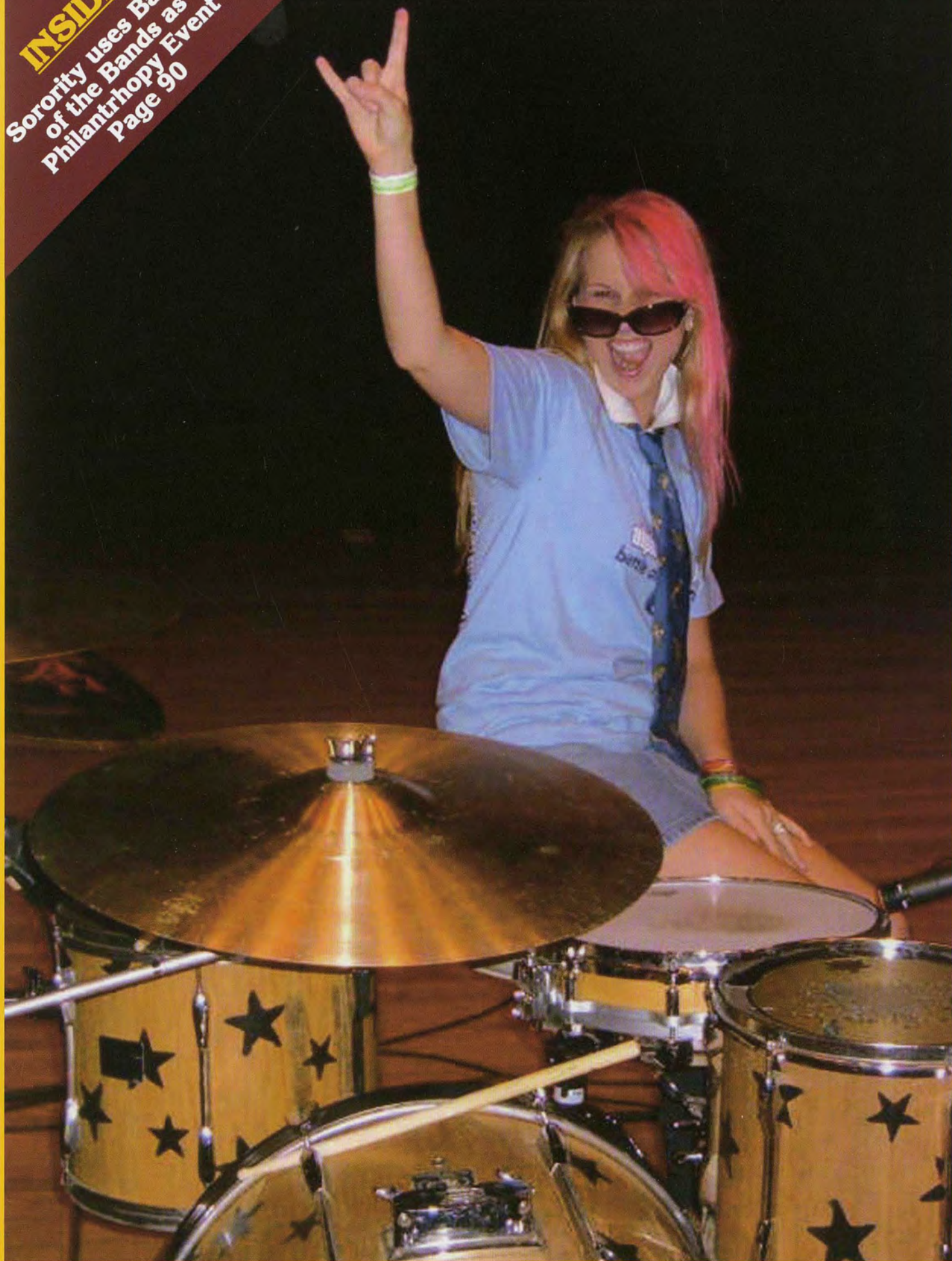
Facebook provided students across the United States with a way to stay in touch with friends on thousands of campuses

ORGANIZATIONS

From paintball to political activism, the organizations active at Murray State gave students and advisors a way to spend their extracurricular time between and after classes. Some organizations raised scholarship money through competitive fishing tournaments, others trained students in the skills they would need to enter the field of veterinary medicine, while another represented the voice of the student in the form of a student government, another helped give local middle-schoolers a positive self-image through an afternoon mentoring program.

Still other organizations recognized students for their academic achievements. The more than 20 organizations represented in the 2006 *Shield* are as varied as their members, but each gives its members a unique opportunity: to be themselves. Within students and university organizations students find their special niche and develop skills in leadership, communication, organization and event planning. These are the skills they take with them out into the world after they leave the sacred halls of our Alma Mater.

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Sorority uses Battle
of the Bands as
Philanthropy Event
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Purpose:

To give students the opportunity to better themselves and their community on a worldwide scale.

Annual Activities:

Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox Project), Rotary Ham Breakfast, Rotary Telethon, Play-Day on Campus, Trick-or-Trick for UNICEF

Pictured (L to R):

First row: Erica LaMarche,
Melissa Bates, Bianca
McNees, Wanda Wilson,
Leslie Smith.

Second Row: Mitchum
Owen, Jessica Lively, Erin
Black, Julie Lewis, Travis van
Bussun, Jill Ligon, Amber
DuVentre

Interesting Fact:

Rotaract is one of only 7,600 clubs in over 158 countries worldwide with a membership of over 176,000 rotaractors.

Rotaract Club





College Republicans

Purpose:

To promote conservative values and support the Republican Party.

Annual Activities:

Calloway County Republican Picnic at Brandon Farm, Campaign Support for Local Republican Candidates for Office, Annual Winfield Rose Barbeque Dinner.

Interesting Fact:

In 2004, the Murray State College Republicans worked on the campaigns of Melvin Henley and Ken Winters, playing a pivotal role in helping both to claim victory in the November elections. Both seats represented a Democrat to Republican turnover.

Pictured:

Hunter Ray, Rob Whitfield, Lindsey Vandiver, Jordan Smith, Emily Lewis, Edwin King, April Payne, Daniel Heath, Jenny Hines, Winfield Rose, Asia Burnett

Purpose:

To provide the chance for Murray State students to earn scholarships through competitive bass fishing tournaments.

Annual Activities:

Local bass fishing tournaments; six day national Bass Fishing Competition.

Interesting Fact:

In their first year, five students went to the national tournament, and the team placed second overall in the nation.

Pictured:

First Row: Kirby Watts, Kyle Dieling, Brandon Boone, Don Chalk

Second Row: Michael Lane, Warren King, Bryant Carlton, Scott Edwards, D.J. Garland, Scott Duckworth

MSU Bass Anglers





Gamma Beta Phi

Purpose:

To foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects.

Annual Activities:

International Dinner, "Mom's Day Out" Christmas Party, Valentine Party at Westview Nursing Home, Spring Formal.

Interesting Fact:

Gamma Beta Phi is only the fifth chapter to join the national organization. The organization began as a nonprofit organization and grew out of a high school Beta Club.

Pictured:

Jessie Pirtle, Sarah Thompson, Sandra Thompson, Tiffany Hedrick, Michael Brown, Rachel Barksdale, Bethany Ziegermeier, Jennifer Gilkey

Purpose:

To offer Public Relations majors at MSU the opportunity to network with PR professionals in the community, as well as to offer career development sessions which provide valuable experience.

Annual Activities:

Hold bimonthly meetings, Community Service/Leadership Development event, National PRSSA Conference, Pro Am Day.

Interesting Fact:

PRSSA takes on a client each year for which they provide PR services. This is done through their student-run firm: The Racer Communications Group Inc.

Pictured:

Brittany Refro, Christin Yates,
Brittany Hall, Mary Harmon

PRSSA



AHT-PreVet Club

Purpose:

To further the education and enrich the experience of the students in the PreVet program.

Annual Activities:

AHT Day, Doggy Day spas, Kentucky Veterinary Medicine Association.

Interesting Fact:

PreVet club brings in animals for free checkups. They also provide vaccinations and homes for homeless animals throughout the community.

Pictured (L-R):

First Row: Melanie Watsin, Michelle Leshner, Annabelle (dog), Stephanie Hagen, Andi Lear, Diana Tranthum, Nutmeg (cat)
Second Row: Dr. Dewees, Kerrie Farror, Jon Holden, Karen Sponsler, Jessica Blank, Karen Webb

Purpose:

"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

--II Corinthians 5:20

Annual Activities:

Wednesday Word and Worship in the Curris Center Theater and annual spring break mission trips.

Interesting Fact:

Christ Ambassadors started as a small group bible study and has grown into a thriving campus ministry with an average weekly attendance of over 200 people.

Christ Ambassadors





Student Government Association

Purpose:

To promote welfare, growth and development of student life; as well as represent the student body in all phases of administrative effort.

Annual Activities:

Concerts, Lectures, Unity Fest, Miss MSU, Murray Madness, Homecoming and Lobbying efforts in Frankfort.

Interesting Fact:

SGA meets every week to discuss student issues, problems, and recommendations. These student thoughts are then directed to the appropriate faculty and staff for action.

Pictured:

Scott Ellison, Meagan Rogers, Emily Just, LeeAnna Green, Chris Hopper, Blaire Bushart, Kelli Fitzpatrick, Erica Van Buren, Jonathan Blackman, Andrew Denning, Michael Brown, Shawn Miller, Jessica Moore, Jennifer Block, Aaron Brame, Lauren Harms, Lisa Carney, Randa Gozum, Charlie Westerfield, Haley Millwood, Joel Perkins, Josh Taylor, Beth Ann Dunavant, Ben Goodman, Crisann Ikenberry, Katie Just, Edwin King, Eric King, Laura Manning, Adam Moore, Reed Clapp, James Jordan, Molly Williams, Jonathan Burris, Cami Knapp, Scotty Marion, Ali Christ, Mandy Laszewski, Jessie Pirtle, Courtney Veath, Stephen Boh, Mandie Sidener, Jennifer Mielke, Tyller Moore, Elizabeth Kaelin, Chris Podunajec, Amber Melone, Zac Smith, Robert Castleberry, Joshua Fulkerson, Tiffany Hedrick, Rob Whitfield

Purpose:

To honor students whose academic achievements and leadership qualities are of the highest caliber.

Annual Activities:

Induction Ceremony, Province X Conference, Members Breakfast

Interesting Fact:

ODK is the most prestigious honor society on campus.

Pictured:

Charissa Acree, Nikki Crosser, Megan Gibson, Laura Kight, Katie Fowlkes, Tiffany Wilson, Beth Ann Dunavant

Omicron Delta Kappa





Campus Activities Board

Purpose:

To serve and unify the interests of the students, faculty, and staff of MSU and the university service region through co-curricular programming and policy recommendations for the operation of the University Center.

Annual Activities:

Concerts, lectures, comedy and musical acts, the Miss MSU pageant, Homecoming parade and events, spontaneous events in the Curris Center, multicultural events, and innovative acts.

Interesting Fact:

CAB is responsible for most any event that occurs on Murray's campus.

Pictured:

Jeanie Morgan, Marshall Welch, Emily Hays, Cassie Janet, Brittney Bogart, Sarah Schardein, Sarah Swiney, Ben Northcutt, Meagan Rogers, Emily Just, Abbey Mitchell, Alan Hartley, Holly Gray, Lauren Hines, Michelle Jones, Clark Gwaltney, LeeAnna Green, Margaret Thieneman

Purpose:

Pairs undergraduate women with middle school girls who need positive female role models to help them reach their fullest potential.

Annual Activities:

Take-Your-Little-Sister-To-School-Day, and Community Activities.

Interesting Fact:

Group meetings take place at Calloway County Middle Schools, where the "sisters" hang out and help each other cope with daily life.

Pictured:

(Front Row): Katie Finch, Jill Ligon, Brittany Prevallet, Amanda Stone, Megan Arp, Cayla Rollins, Elisa Choate, Jessica Thorpe

(Back Row): Andria Smither, Jenni Siler, Julie Lewis, Katie Wilder, Kimberly Conklin, Tiffany Amos, Chantel Draves, Alexis Phillips

G.R.O.W





The Newman House

Purpose:

To serve the community at large through the belief that faith is lived in action.

Annual Activities:

Campus Missions Day, Catholic Rush Week, Annual Yard Sales.

Interesting Fact:

The Newman House goes on a mission trip every year to try and help the less fortunate and help students to grow both spiritually and emotionally as they meet new friends.

Pictured:

Brendan Mckenzie, Matthew Congleton, Shannon Maryjanowski, Emily Roethemeier, Sara Meystedt, Emily Buehrle, Travis Van Bussun, Erica LaMarche

Purpose:

To provide activities for Hart College members and enhance their college experience.

Annual Activities:

Relay for Life, various Hart College Events, RCC Council Events

Pictured:

(Front Row): Andrew McKinney, Mandy Laszewski, Kristin Windsor, Jimmy Byars, Amanda Felber, Suzie Shircliff, Savannah Bryant, Emily Chambers

(Back Row): Dr. Ann Landini, Katie Nimmo, Tyler Arrott, Ron Beaton, Brandan Garner, Ryan Leach, Allan Hendricks, Rustin Webster, Adam Jarvis

Interesting Fact:

The Hart RCC puts on "Friday's at Hart", a themed party that encourages students to stick around on the weekends and get involved with the residential college.

Hart Residential College Council





Alpha Lamda Delta

Purpose:

To encourage superior academic attainment among students in their first year in institutions of higher education; to promote intelligent living and a continued high standard of learning and to assist students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their unique roles in society.

Pictured:

Leslie Smith, Brittani Pipes,
Kyle Hoffman, Michael H.
Jones.

Not Pictured:

Austin Beck

Horticulture Club



Pictured:

(Front Row): Andi Loftus, Susan Murphy, Dana Phillips, Michelle Delap, Ann Fleemer

(Back Row): William Criner, Jordan Wexler, Bart Morgan, Justin Sparks, Michael Boyd, Garrett Wargel

Ag Ambassadors

Pictured:

Row 1: Leslie Rowan, Christy Watkins, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Dunn, Melissa Bramlet, Laura Ken Stewart, Michelle Faun, Whitney Shirley, Marla Smith, Andrea Lear

Row 2: Keith Wright, Jesse Little, Robert Alexander, Ashley Crabtree





Pictured:
 "Andrea" Chang, "Jeffery"
 Yu, "Nikki" Chen, "Jody"
 Chang, "Henry" Tsai,
 "Chinny" Wang, "Winnie"
 Lin, "Nicole" Cheng,
 "Viviah" Cheng, Li-Chun
 Cheng

Taiwanese Club

Pictured:
 Eileen Pence, Joe Talley,
 Michael Brown, Ashley
 Robbins



Rho Sigma Kappa

Delta Mu Pi



Pictured:

First Row: Kara Clark,
Maria Ratliff, Charlie Cox

Second Row: Rique
Warford, Michelle
Maden, Mary Moffitt

Not Pictured:

Morgan Davis, Linda
English, Katie Rogers,
Alecia Johnston, Brandy
Addison, Suzanne
Clisson, Tabitha
Rickermann, Sandra Way

Judicial Board

Pictured:

Amber DuVentre, Jennifer
Southerland, Rob
Whitfield, Tera Rica
Murdock, Jason Henson,
Jessica Crockett, Clint
Borm, Amber Felber





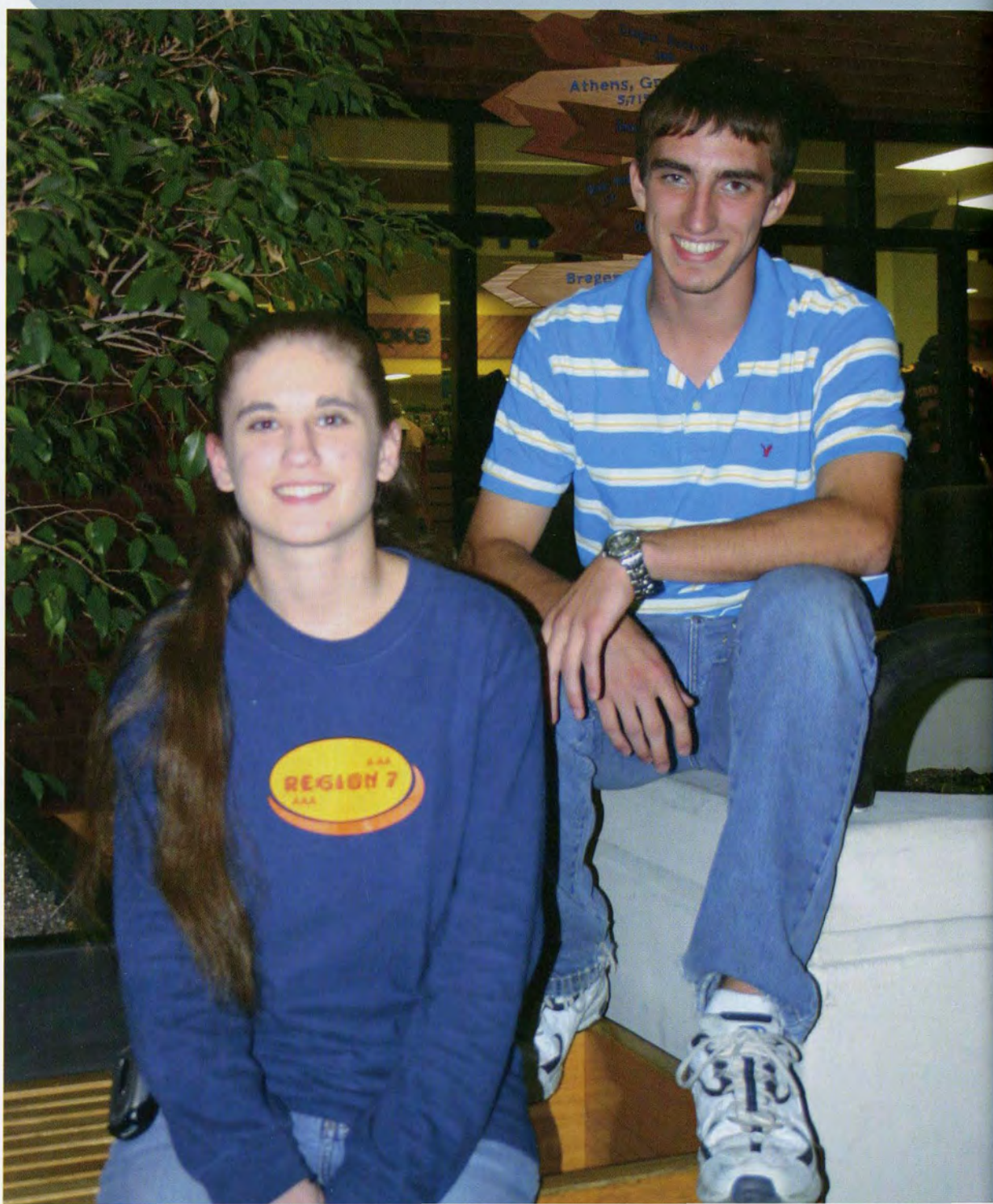
Pictured:

Chase Fisher, Meghan Motterz, Anthony Wilson, Rob Whitfield, Jeremiah Jagers, Jenny Marie Henry, Gene Garfield.

Pi Sigma Alpha

Pictured:
Jenny Storey, James
Wolfgang

MSU Paintball Club





Athletic Trainers

Pictured:

Rachel McKoy, Anna Hill,
 Tray Winter, Beth Baril,
 Katie Murphey, Kayla
 Brown, Andrew Beyke,
 Jeremy Erdmann, Brett
 Reddick, Barrett Mattingly,
 Ashley Taylor, Lori
 Woodard, Kristen
 Schaefer, Chris Sullivan,
 Chris Thone



Pictured:

JoBeth Baird, Cassie Hulett, Ashley Hogan, Stacey Woods, Brittany Fentress, Angela Wallace, Diane Nunn, Katie Columbia, Amanda Morris, Meredith Whitsitt, Ashley Stendslend, Ashley Brandt, Mallory Allgood, Beth Groves, Catrina Vitale, Kellye Smiley, Amanda Howard, Matt Buchanan, Joshua Francisco, Kyle Hoffman, Amanda Jenkins, Stefanie Long, Nathaniel Hantle, Justin Harrod, Zach Smith, Chris Allen, Amber Melone, Meagan Hensley, Jennie Badgate, Becky Yusko, Bonnie Higginson

White Residential College Council





MSU ROTC

Pictured:

Row 1: Jacob Ronch,
Laura Wontor, Brian
Sykes, Jeff Newnum

Row 2: SFC Michael
Taylor, Josh Monroe,
Daniel Bland, Kye Sells

Not Pictured:

Trey Boatwright, Jeremy
Harper, Chad Vance,
Christina Aleman

Year of the Greeks

Story by Elaine Kight
Photo by Charissa Acree

Council highlights fraternity and sorority accomplishments, promotes Greek unity

Hollywood has a habit of basing its portrait of American collegiate Greek life on the stereotypes that a few students conform to. Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs, Mike Young sees Murray State Greek life in a whole different light. Rather than serving as a distraction from their studies, Greek life can actually help students get the most out of their education and life on campus. This school year, nicknamed "The Year of the Greeks" aimed to help fraternities and sororities "promote themselves in a positive light," Young said.

In doing this, Young said the Year of the Greeks Council, comprised of both students and faculty, agreed that their purpose was highlighting, emphasizing, and promoting the importance of a Greek experience at Murray State.

"We believe that a Greek experience done right can add a component to a students overall experience on campus," Young said.

Greeks also return a lot to the campus, said Young.

"They provide thousands of hours of community service and raise thousands of dollars for charity on a local and national level," he said. Young added that on a national level, Greeks tend to have a high graduation rate, to be leaders on campus, to stay connected, and to give back to their college or university.

Jessica Crockett was a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority and served as a member of the Year of the Greeks Council with Young and Vice President of Student Affairs, Don Robertson. Crockett agreed that Greeks were passionate about academics, as demonstrated by the high Panhellenic grade point average at Murray State.

"In fact, the MSU Panhellenic is constantly being named to the National Panhellenic Conference Academic Honor Roll," Crockett said.

Young said the council for the Year of the Greeks helped create several changes within the Greek system in their attempt to create a "Greek experience done right." Some of the changes, which Young said have been well received, include a new social events policy, an increase in the GPA required to go Greek, and a forced self-evaluation to see what message people are receiving.

The year began with a Year of the Greeks celebration, said Jessica Ferguson, senior from Mayfield and member of Alpha Delta Pi. Members of all Murray State Greek organizations were encouraged to attend. This helped accomplish one of the main goals of the Year of the Greeks, which was to create unity among members of each Greek organization and between each fraternity and sorority, said senior Walt Garrison, senior from Murray and member of Lambda Chi Alpha.

Of course the year has not been without

“We believe that a Greek experience done right can add a component to a students overall experience on campus...”

“hiccups,” which turned into learning experiences, said Young. The first such incident occurred at a Jonathan Creek retreat for Greek leaders where “a few fraternities took it upon themselves to bring alcohol to a non-alcoholic event.” Even so, Young said the incident didn’t overshadow the positive things that came out of the retreat such as a stronger sense of community, a better understanding of how a Greek system works, and the conversations about what a healthy Greek image looks like.

Another such “hiccup,” occurred when the sisters of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority were put on probation for hazing. Young said there was no malice involved, but the types of pranks they chose to initiate new members were against the University and national policy. These actions led to their suspension from the university until they completed a series of chapter improvement projects, which they finished in January.

“They became a stronger sisterhood because of all this,” said Young.

In spite of a few isolated events, Young said that “for a system this size, we have a lot to be proud of,” including many sororities and fraternities who are leaders on a national level as well as the university level. The Year of the Greeks aimed to push that standard even higher. “We’re going back to the core values,” said Young.

Crockett sees several successes in the Year of

the Greeks, including more positive media coverage.

Said Crockett: “I hope that the Year of the Greeks will open the eyes of the campus to all of the positive qualities of Greek life. We strive to push our members to be the best possible person we can be.”



Members of the Greek community gather in the Curris Center for All Greek Assembly. All Greek was held twice a year to honor the outstanding Greek organizations on campus.

all about SORORITY philanthropy

story by elaine kight



Members of AOPi gather with some of the Mr. MSU participants. Mr. MSU was an annual philanthropy event sponsored by AOPi.

Mandy Lazewski, Megan George and Lacey Harris prepare for the ice cold water at Polar Bear Plunge. Alpha Sigma Alpha participated in the event as part of their philanthropy.



Murray State sororities support community through service projects, fundraising

Murray State was home to 21 social sororities and fraternities. According to Assistant Vice President Mike Young, these Greek organizations lead the campus in providing thousands of hours of community service and raising thousands of dollars for charity every year.

Two sororities on campus, Alpha Delta Chi and Alpha Omicron Pi participated in the Relay for Life to support the fight against cancer as their philanthropy project. Alpha Omicron Pi also participated in fundraising events for the Arthritis Foundation.

Alpha Delta Chi philanthropy coordinator Katie Miller, sophomore from Princeton, said the girls decided to get involved with Relay for Life because they hoped to be able to support the fight against breast cancer.

"Also, it's a great way to help a lot of wonderful people," Miller said. The girls of ADX planned to set up a booth on campus to raise even more money in 2006.

In addition to their main Relay for Life project, the sorority also bought gifts for needy children at Christmas and put together food baskets for the less fortunate. As a Christian sorority, the group tithed a portion of the dues they received.

Miller was always looking for new ways to help the community. In 2006, she was looking into sponsoring children through the Feed Our Children project.

Kristin Watson, sophomore from Dover, TN, was the philanthropic chair for AOII and was in charge of coordinating events and recording service hours performed by both the sorority and individual members.

The main philanthropic events that AOII

participated in were fundraisers for the AOII Foundation, which supported the Arthritis Foundation. Each fall young men from Murray state competed in the Mr. MSU pageant, which raised money for the foundation, and in the spring, the girls hosted a bowling fundraiser, "Strike Out Arthritis."

Additionally, Watson said this sorority gathered teams for two campus-wide events: Relay for Life and Up 'til Dawn.

"I am very proud of the philanthropic events AOII has established, and we appreciate the support we receive from other campus organizations," Watson said.

Watson also said she feels that philanthropy is an important aspect of a sororities involvement with the community. The philanthropy chair of Alpha Gamma Delta, Sarah Baker agreed and said that, "fraternities and sororities get a bad name from a few people and community service is a way to reverse that reputation."

Alpha Gamma Delta fundraised for the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation, supported diabetes research and a scholarship and emergency fund for the sorority girls. Baker said two main events helped the sorority raise money this year. In the fall, the girls participated in the annual Rock-a-thon where girls received donations and pledges to rock in rocking chairs for 12 hours in the Curris Center. In the spring of 2006, they hosted a Texas Hold'em Poker tournament.

Of these fundraising opportunities, Baker said, "We're very proud to rank in the top 5 of donations to the Alpha Gamma Foundation each year to support local and national service projects."

Motto:

We live for each other

Interesting Fact:

First Secret Society (Sorority) for women

Mascot:

Lion

Famous Alumni:

Michelle Pfeiffer and Judy Woodruff

Alpha Delta Pi





Alpha Gamma Delta

Motto:

Alpha Gamma Delta-your beginning to a lifetime of sharing, friendship, and sisterhood

Interesting Fact:

Nationally, the MSU chapter has raised over \$10,000 for the foundation

Mascot:

Squirrel

Famous Alumni:

Raquel Welch, Donna Axum (1994 Miss America)

Motto:

Aspire, Seek, Attain

Interesting Fact:

The heart that is sewed on Raggedy Ann symbolizes unconditional friendship

Mascot:

Lady Bug and Raggedy Ann

Famous Alumni:

Nancy Reagan and Deborah Dietrich

Alpha Sigma Alpha





Alpha Omicron Pi

Motto:

Expand and be useful

Interesting Facts:

A panda serves as the mascot and pandas have no known enemies

Highest Greek G.P.A. at Murray State since 1996

Mascot:

Panda Bear

Motto:

To receive much you must give much

Interesting Fact:

Sigma Sigma Sigma was the first sorority on Murray State's campus in 1942

Symbol:

Sailboat

Famous Alumni:

Carrie Underwood (American Idol)

Sigma Sigma Sigma





Alpha Kappa Alpha

Motto:

By culture and by merit

Colors:

Salmon pink & Apple Green

Symbol:

Ivy leaf

Famous Alumni:

Ella Fitzgerald and Alicia Keys

Motto:

Intelligence is the torch of wisdom

Interesting Fact:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. is the world's largest historically African-American sorority

Flower:

Violet

Famous Alumni:

Camille Cosby and Aretha Franklin

Delta Sigma Theta





Zeta Phi Beta

Purpose:

To foster the ideals of scholarship, service, sisterly love, and finer womanhood

Interesting Fact:

First Greek letter organization to charter a chapter in Africa; constitutionally bound to Phi Beta Sigma (1948)

Famous Alumni:

Sheryl Underwood and Esther Rolle

all about FRATERNITY philanthropy

Members of Lambda Chi Alpha grill burgers for their annual Staff Appreciation Cook-Out, held May 9.

Teaming up for Murray's annual Relay for Life, members of Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Sigma Sigma pose near their tent.



Fraternities at Muray State promote national causes through local philanthropic events

story by elaine kight -- photos by marshall welch

By putting several dozen watermelons to use in carnival events, MSU fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha put food in the mouths of hungry people. The annual Watermelon Bust hosted by this fraternity doubled as a social event and major fundraiser.

Its philanthropies focus on feeding the less fortunate, mainly through the collaboration of nearly all the chapters in the nation for the North American Food Drive, said philanthropy chair Marshall Welch.

Locally, Lambda Chi was involved in supporting the Murray Needline organization, which helped feed underprivileged families in the area. Money raised during the Watermelon Bust was donated to Needline to help buy more food to pass out to families as well as cover normal operating expenses.

Welch said the fraternity also contacted needy families on a personal level. Each semester, Lambda-Eta, the local Lambda Chi chapter, chose a local family in need and brought them food, clothing, essentials and toys. Many from the brotherhood visited the home to deliver the items.

"This has probably had more personal impact, although maybe not as broad as the NAFD because we actually get to see the faces of the

people that we are helping," Welch said.

Sigma Chi Epsilon also got a chance to see the faces of those they helped—the faces of children. The fraternity held a "Party Gras" festival which was focused around providing mentorship and service to kids at Murray Elementary. The day culminated with the Sig Ep carnival, said Alexander Roberts, sophomore from Owensboro and philanthropy chair for Sigma Phi Epsilon. The Sig Ep's national fraternity is Youth Aids is also focused on providing service through mentorship.

Both fraternities also participated in campus-wide service events such as the Dr. Seuss Read Across America, Relay for Life, Up 'til Dawn, the Body Fair, After Dark, Character Counts, and the Hazel and Mayfield clean up projects.

Clayon Clark, junior from Belville, Illinois said projects like these helped fraternities to improve Greek reputations.

Said Clark: "[The projects] are good ways to show Greeks can do good things for communities and charitable organizations."

Motto:

To make better men

Interesting Fact:

It is the only both professional and social fraternity in the IFC

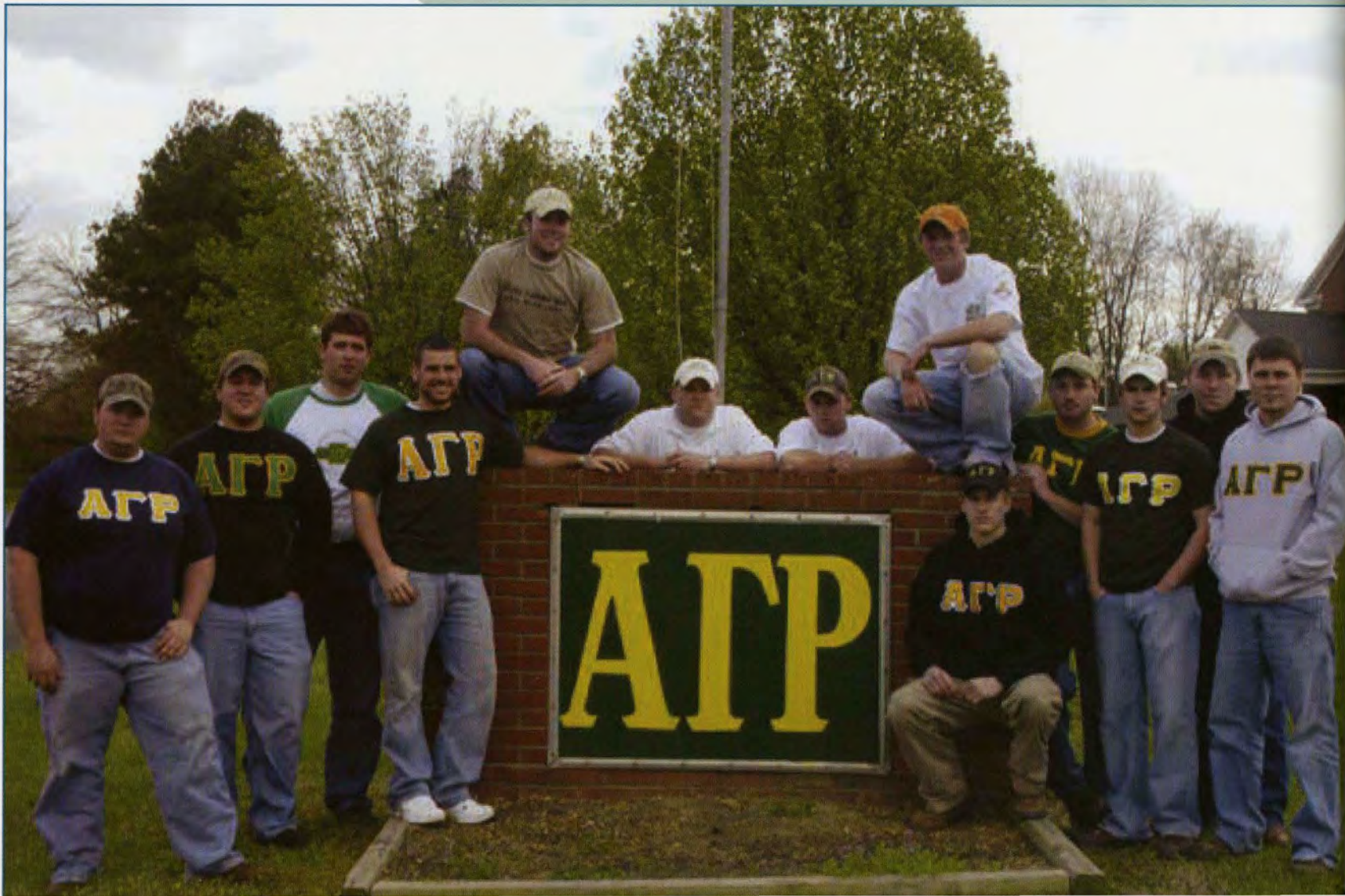
Flower:

Pink Rose

Famous Alumni:

Orville Redenbacher and Cliff M. Hardin

Alpha Gamma Rho





Alpha Sigma Phi

Motto:

To better the man

Interesting Fact:

Awarded Grand Senior Presidents award for top chapter in the nation twice

Mascot:

Phoenix

Famous Alumni:

Vincent Price and Tom Watson

Colors:

Sky blue & Gold

Interesting Facts:

First Fraternity founded as a national fraternity

First fraternity founded after the Civil War with the intent of healing the wounds by uniting North and South

Famous Alumni:

Steve Spurrier and Lawton Chiles (Governor of Florida)

Alpha Tau Omega





Lambda Chi Alpha

Motto:

Every man a man

Interesting Fact:

Intramural Sports champions 19 out of 32 years

Colors:

Purple, Green & Gold

Famous Alumni:

Harry Truman and Rick Pitino

Motto:

Where character counts

Interesting Fact:

Phi Kappa Tau is a men's fraternity with more than 80,000 members

Symbol:

Coat of Arms

Famous Alumni:

Paul Newman and Leroy Chiao (NASA Astronaut)

Phi Kappa Tau





Sigma Chi

Motto:

In Hoc Signo Vinces

Interesting Fact:

Sigma Chi currently has 12 brothers in the U.S. Congress

Mascot:

Old Gray Owl

Famous Alumni:

Brad Pitt and Mike Ditka

Motto:

Sound mind, Sound body

Interesting Fact:

First Fraternity to charter a chapter in all 50 states

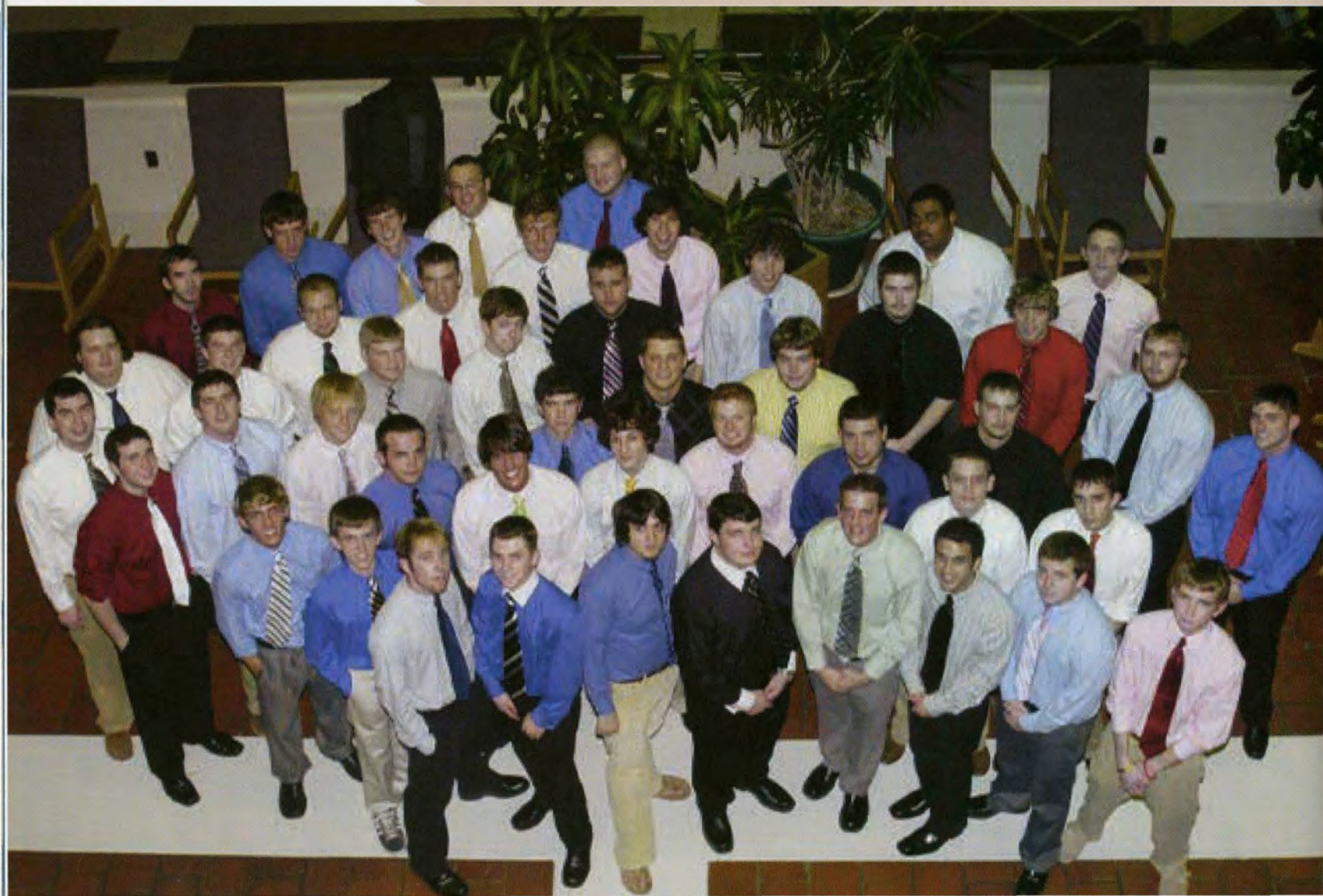
Mascot:

Buffalo

Famous Alumni:

Dave Thomas and Theodore Giessel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss)

Sigma Phi Epsilon





Sigma Pi

Flower:

Lavender Orchid

Interesting Fact:

Assists the American Red Cross with its Blood Drive each year

Mascot:

Owl

Famous Alumni:

Tracy Lawrence (Country Music Singer) and Herman G. Fisher (Founder of Fisher-Price Toys)

Motto:

Once a Pike, always a Pike

Interesting Fact:

The Epsilon Lambda Chapter was the first national fraternity on Murray State's campus in 1958

Mascot:

Dalmatian

Famous Alumni:

Jerry Litchfield-Former President Capitol Records and
Bob Jackson-KY Senator

Pi Kappa Alpha





Kappa Alpha Psi

Motto:

Achievement in every field of human endeavor

Founders Foundation:

To unite college culture, patriotism, and honor in a bond of fraternity

Symbol:

Scroll, Diamond

Motto:

Culture for service, service for humanity

Interesting Fact:

First Fraternity to establish a charter south of the state of Virginia before 1915

Symbol:

White Dove

Famous Alumni:

Emmitt Smith and George Washington Carver

Phi Beta Sigma





Alpha Phi Alpha

Motto:

First of all, servants of all, we shall transcend all

Colors:

Sable black & Old gold

Mascot:

Ape/Gorilla

Famous Alumni:

Martin Luther King Jr. and Jesse Owens

ENTERTAINMENT

During the 2005-2006 school year, students found a variety of outlets for entertainment, both on and off campus.

Murray State students attended and participated in a number of events, ranging from Campus Lights to student-made movies to Mr. and Miss MSU competitions. They passed long hours in musical rehearsals, worked for months editing videos and learning dance and step routines and spent their hard-earned money on concert, movie and show tickets. Students supported the community, the university and an array of campus organizations and their philanthropies through their participation and attendance.

This section highlights some of the most memorable, most innovative, and most popular happenings in Murray.

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The best part... was that we actually made

Dozens of students, almost every employee of the Cheri Theater and the majority of the MSU TV-11 crew banded together to produce a feature-length motion picture..

"MSU Patrol: The Movie" began as a show on MSU TV-11 written and directed by Patrick McVay, senior from Kuttawa. It slowly evolved into a string of interrogation scenes and finally a full-length independent film.

The movie premiered Oct. 24 in the Curris Center theater after seven months of filming and production.

The film comedically chronicled one case investigated by the fictional MSU Patrol team: the murder of Santa Claus. An agent from the Federal Bureau of College Safety assisted the MSU force in solving the case, which included an all-night stakeout, a chase scene, and lots of slapstick humor.

According to Chris Byars, junior from Murray, who played College Safety Agent Xander Cunningham, the movie served its purpose. "Everyone seemed to have a good time and laughed a lot," he said. The audience members were not the only ones who enjoyed the experience.

"We had so much fun doing this movie," said Jason Chapman, senior from Murray, who played Rookie MSU Patrol Officer Dwight Sheets. In fact, he worried that the cast may have had too much fun and that the audience might not appreciate the humor. "We just went along with the flow, feeding off the last joke," he said. "When you are filming, what may seem funny at the time to everyone around may not seem funny to the audience."

Byars also had fond memories of shooting the movie.

"I was very fortunate that this movie was made with close friends, who are also very funny people in real life. So it was very hard to come to film and not laugh hysterically the whole time," he said. He recalled one brief scene where he was supposed to be watching a security tape that took over an hour to film because the cast and crew found it so amusing.

However, making a movie was not without its challenges.

Filming on a college student's schedule was difficult. The cast and crew worked at "crazy, insane times of the day and night," said Chapman. McVay found that getting the cast and crew together to work could be hard. "When you aren't paying people for their work, and you aren't being paid yourself, you can't have the convenience of setting up a strict shooting schedule and saying, 'Okay, you be here at X o'clock on Tuesday to film this scene.'"

The lack of funding also put a strain on the movie's production. The crew ran into problems that they had neither time nor equipment to fix, said McVay. They also ran short on time and filmed many scenes without having ever written a script.

Filming on MSU's campus presented challenges as well, said Chapman, especially during a flashback scene that required the patrol members to escort Santa across campus. "You can imagine how we felt when classes have just gotten out, students are everywhere, and we are in suits yelling 'Merry Christmas!' around a guy dressed up as Santa to everyone trying to keep a straight face," he said.

Overall, however, the cast and crew were pleased with the results.

"The best part of making the movie was simply the feeling of accomplishment when the thing was actually completed," said McVay. "We actually made a feature-length 'film.'"



a feature length film!" –Patrick McVay

The sign in front of Cheri Theater on Chestnut Street shines, announces the movies playing on each of the cinema's seven screens.

Movies in Murray

Movies at Cheri Theater gave students a break from classes and provided weekend entertainment

During the 2005-2006 school year, Murray State students enjoyed a discounted ticket price at the Cheri Theatres, located on Chestnut Street. The \$4 matinees made movies a popular entertainment option for students.

Students attended shows for a variety of reasons, including entertainment and social time. "I'm a movie buff, and it's a great excuse to hang out with friends," said Dustin Hastings, senior from Fulton.

Other students used movie-going as a break from classes and homework. "I go to the movies because I want to get away from the stress of life and to have fun," said Alaina King, sophomore from Palmersville, Tenn.

Regardless of their reasons for going, by attending movies, Murray State students helped to select the highest grossing movies in the city of Murray and in the U.S.

Star Wars: Episode III

"I camped three days for this movie outside of the theater. I saw it on the first day with some of the biggest star wars fans in Murray. This movie ruled and completely filled all my expectations for the film." -Robert Brumly, junior from Murray

Harry Potter:

"I'm a great fan of the books and I was sceptical about how the movie was going to portray such an in-depth story. It pulled it off well." -Andy Kell, freshman from Paducah

Batman Begins:

"Batman Begins made my adrenaline rush at times, and the guy who played Batman did a great job. He definitely convinced me that he was Batman." - Robert Brumly, junior from Murray

Madagascar

"It was so cute. I loved it! I'm always up for some funny innocent annimation though!" -Katie Remington, sophomore from Memphis, Tenn.

Walk the Line

"Great movie. Its about true love, shows ups and downs and standing by someone you love. The music was awesome too." -Dirk Draper, junior from Bardwell.

Hitch

"Funny movie. It gives hope to all those single men out there." -Andy Kell, freshman from Paducah

Wedding Crashers

"I laughed until I cried." -Dustin Hastings, senior from Fulton

King Kong

"King Kong was good old King Kong to me, although there were some funny twists in it, for instance when the gorilla





was fighting the three T-Rex's and played with their broken jaws." –DJ Culp, senior from Harrodsburg

Mr. & Mrs. Smith

"I liked this movie because of the action and comedy tied in with the romance. I saw it with a couple of friends." –Alaina King, sophomore from Palmersville, Tenn.

Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

"Charlie & the Chocolate Factory was a movie I saw right before I left [for college] with everyone I was good friends with in high school. It was a lot of fun and I really liked the movie. I thought Johnny Depp did a good job performing the role completely differently from Gene Wilder and still being effective." –Katherine Childers, freshman from Naperville, Ill.

War of the Worlds

"It was really good. Love a good sci-fi movie! Made me want to read the book."

–Dirk Draper, junior from Bardwell

Popular Movies in Murray

- 1. Star Wars: Episode III – Revenge of the Sith**
- 2. Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
- 3. Batman Begins**
- 4. Madagascar**
- 5. Walk The Line**
- 6. Hitch**
- 7. Wedding Crashers**
- 8. The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe**
- 9. Chicken Little**
- 10. King Kong**

–Chris Hopkins, General Manager, Cheri Theatres

Top 10 movies for 2005

- 1 Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith**
- 2 Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**
- 3 The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**
- 4 War of the Worlds**
- 5 King Kong**
- 6 Wedding Crashers**
- 7 Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**
- 8 Batman Begins**
- 9 Madagascar**
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Smith**

Homecoming

"[Homecoming] gave me a chance to talk to recruiters about potential job leads."

--Shawna Smith, St. Louis, MO, Grad Student



A Lasting Tradition

Story by **Caitlin Wardlow** Photography by **Marshall Welch**

Elyse Semmler, a freshman from Wisconsin, and Stephanie Harrington, a freshman from Cape Girardeau, Miss. walked around Tent City together during the Homecoming festivities on October 22, 2005

While Murray State's Homecoming is usually a first-time event for most freshman, such as Semmler, Harrington says this is her second. And both times she has spent Homecoming with her parents.

Harrington's parents, Rick Harrington and Julie Flamm both graduated from Murray State University. The younger Harrington said she came to Homecoming last year to see what

it was like because she knew that Murray State is where she would spend her Homecoming weekends in the future.

"I'd wanted to come to Murray since I was in middle school," Harrington said. "The fact that both my parents went here had nothing to do with my decision, but they were happy about it."

Semmler's decision to come to Murray was not as easy as Harrington's, but it did take place over Homecoming last year. "I came for the equestrian program, and I had narrowed my choices down to three," Semmler said.

"So we came down for Homecoming last year and I knew [Murray State] was perfect for me," Semmler said. "I just



"You are a part of an annual celebration where alumni and others return to the university to see what's going on. Being a part of these peoples' moments provides you with a special sense of being part of a family."

Amber DuVentre
Senior, Organizational
Communications
Jackson, Tenn.



"Being part of Murray's Homecoming Court is important to me because I am honored to represent my sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi. It is a great feeling to be nominated by a group of individuals who I value, admire and respect."

Meagan Rogers
Senior, Communication
Disorders
Murray



"I'm honored to be selected for Murray State's Homecoming court because my father, who is now deceased, graduated from Murray. By representing the university, I am able to share something with my father--a sense of respect and pride for the institution."

Christin Yates
Senior, Public Relations
Collierville, Tenn.

"Being on MSU's Homecoming Court is very special to me because I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at MSU, and it is neat to be able to represent the organizations I have been involved in."

Amanda Carter
Senior, Public Relations
and Liberal Arts
Murray



"Homecoming is the one event throughout the year where everyone comes together to have fun: residential colleges, Greeks, alumni, professors. When you walk through tent city and see everyone out to have a great time, you can't help but be proud of Murray State."

Emily Just
Senior, Biology and Spanish
Louisville



Meet the Candidates



"I'm very honored to represent the MSU Rotaract Club for Homecoming. Our club has really grown over the past years, and it's great to see that three of our members made it on the court."

Mitchum Owen
Senior, Electronic Media
Paris, Tenn.



"It's important to me to be on the court because it gives me the opportunity to represent the high ideals and values of my fraternity, Sigma Chi, and the sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha, that nominated me."

Chase Venable
Senior, Finance
Chester, Ill.



"Being on the Homecoming Court is important to me because I never thought I would be one of five men representing such a great university and such a diverse student body."

Edwin King
Senior, Business
Administration
Calhoun, Kenn.



"It is a huge honor to be on Homecoming Court because it means I embody the characteristics of a Murray State student and my love for Murray State is apparent in all that I do."

Jason Hinson
Junior, Political Science
Erin, Tenn.



"I am personally big on tradition, and Homecoming is a tradition here at Murray State. It is a time of excitement, bringing back old friends and memories, and it is an honor to be a small part of Murray State's Homecoming tradition."

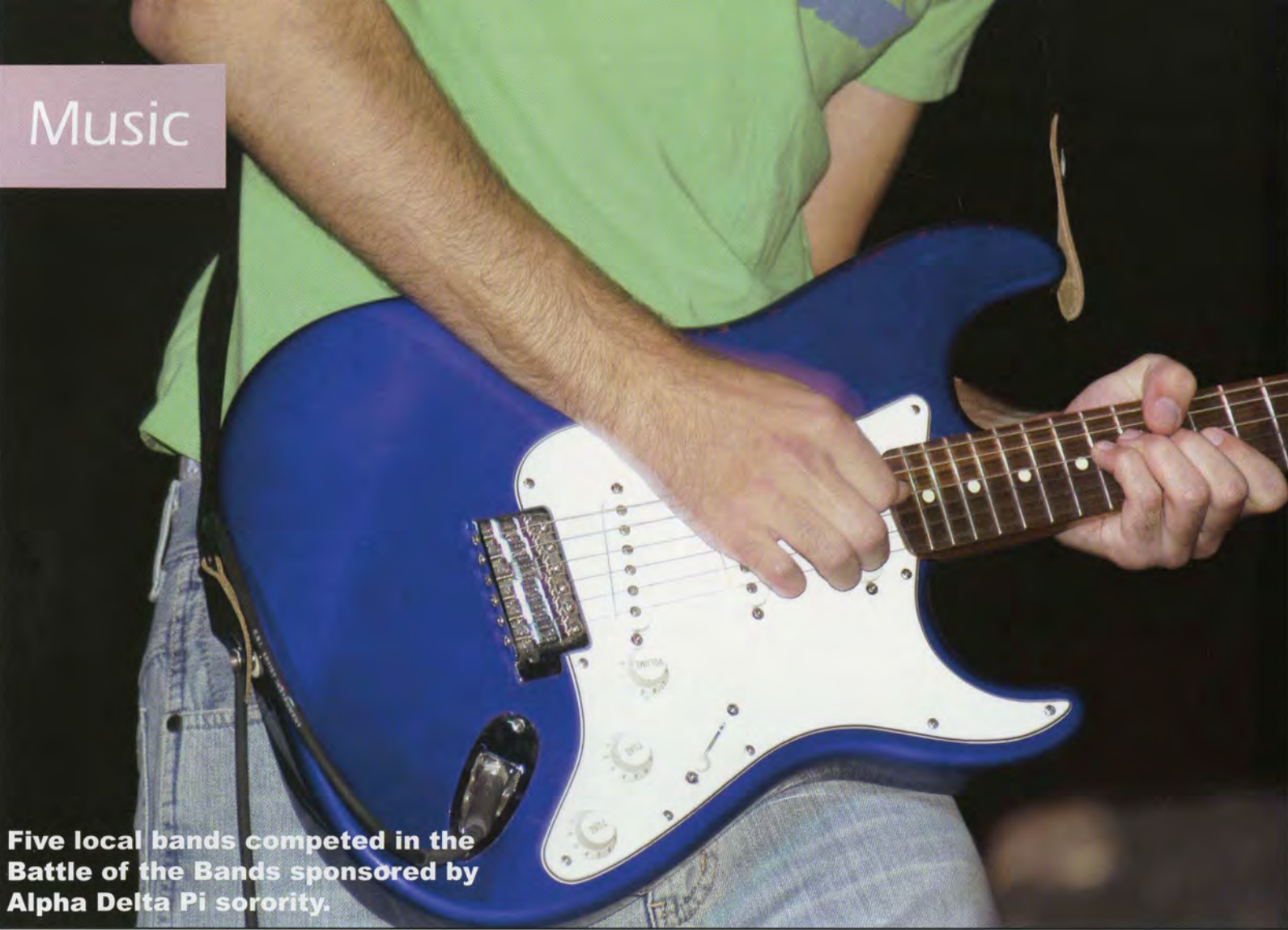
John Spinner
Senior, Engineering Graphics
and Design
Decatur, Ill.

went to small part of Tent City and the football game last year, but this year I was able to really take part in all of Homecoming weekend."

Both freshmen enjoyed the parade in the morning and visiting each booth of Tent City, laughing and saying hello to friends.

"Even though [Murray State] lost to Eastern Illinois,

Homecoming wouldn't have been Homecoming if we didn't go watch the football game," Harrington said. "That's the best part."

A close-up photograph of a person's hands playing a vibrant blue electric guitar. The person is wearing a light green t-shirt and blue jeans. The guitar has a white pickguard and a dark fretboard. The background is dark and out of focus.

Five local bands competed in the Battle of the Bands sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Battle of the Bands

Story by **Jessica Ferguson**

Photography by **Marshall Welch**

“We had lots of anticipation building up...there were some good bands before us.”

The ladies of Alpha Delta Pi sorority worked hard to support their national philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House. From collecting can tabs to selling hearts, the women did all they could to raise money. This year, the sorority sponsored a new event to support their philanthropy, the first annual Battle of the Bands competition.

“We have been working on this for months,” President Joanie Balbach, junior from Louisville, said. “It was hard finding local bands, but once we did, we put all our efforts into making this a successful event.”

Five local bands participated in the battle: From Rise to Ruin, Cellar Door, Constant Frequency, The Dance-tigators!!!, and Transparent.

The Dance-tigators!!!, who took second place in the competition with their eclectic sound, invited all the women of ADPi to come on stage with them during their final song.

“I really enjoyed when the Dance-tigators!!! brought the entire chapter up to dance with them,” Balbach said. “I could tell our girls had a great time being up there.”

While the Dance-tigators!!! played their signature style of music, From Rise to Ruin and Cellar Door opened the show with their style of hard rock music. Constant Frequency also had a rock sound. In contrast to these styles, the winner of the competition, Transparent, described themselves as a “folk, acoustic style that is easy to listen to.”

“It felt awesome to win,” Kaleb Scharmahorn, sophomore of Benton, and lead singer of Transparent, said. “We had lots of anticipation building up because we were last to perform and there were some good bands before us.”

Judges for the competition were Murray State University band director John Fannin, Froggy 103 7 DJ Jumpin’ Jason, and Alpha Delta Pi alumnus Maria Locklear.

“I loved the variety of music we had in this year’s competition,” Balbach said. “We are already working on making next year’s show even bigger and better.”

All proceeds from the show were donated to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Numbers

5: the number of bands participating

2,000: the amount of money raised

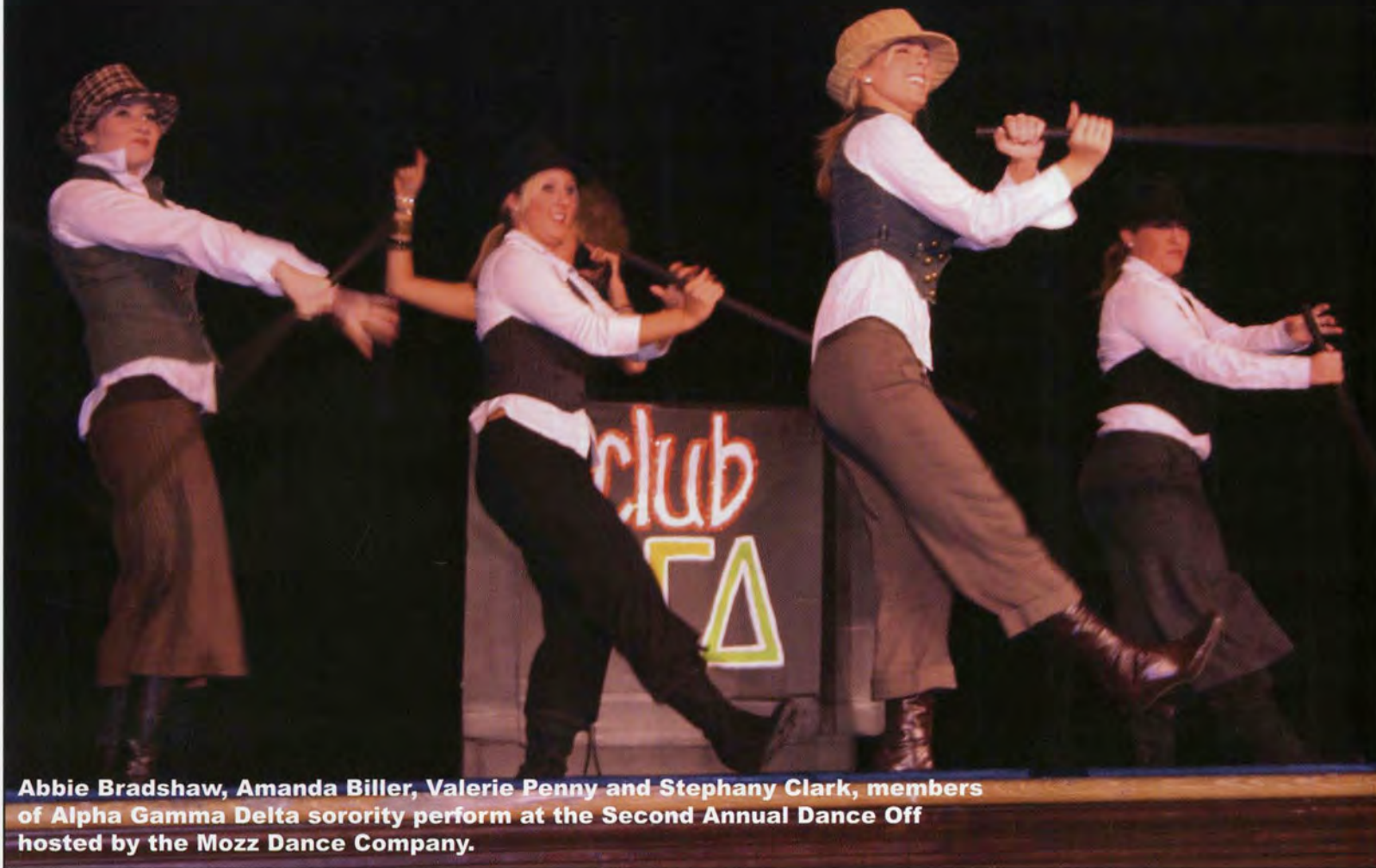
600: dollars worth of prize money handed out

3: the number of judges

4 the months of planning for the event

10 million: the number of people who have been helped by Ronald McDonald House charities around the world





Abbie Bradshaw, Amanda Biller, Valerie Penny and Stephany Clark, members of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority perform at the Second Annual Dance Off hosted by the Mozz Dance Company.

Dance-Off

Story by Cecilia Gerard Photography by Kelsey Jones

The MOZZ Dance Company's second annual Dance-Off was held on Friday evening, Nov 18, 2005. The show began at 7pm at Lovett Auditorium and most certainly lived up to the standards set by the first show last year.

The Modern Jazz Dance Company, or MOZZ, was founded in 1999 by former Murray State student Karsia Slaughter. Her vision was to provide a fun and creative way to promote diversity and individuality through modern dance forms such as funk, hip-hop, and jazz. The Dance Off is a new annual tradition for the company during which teams dance competitively for the title while giving all proceeds to Needline of Calloway County, Juvenile Diabetes Association, and MOZZ's spring show. Each team submits a popular music video they want to learn to the MOZZ coaches. The coaches, members of the dance company, learn and

then teach the video's dance routine to their teams. Leading up to the dance off, teams practice with their coaches and construct sets for the video they will be performing.

As the curtain went up at Lovett Friday evening, the nearly full crowd grew quiet with anticipation. Hosts Josh Ricks and Steve Saunders immediately put the audience at ease with their snappy moves and clever banter. The first act, Alpha Gamma Delta, selected J-Lo's "Get Right" as their video of choice. The set was quite elaborate, with dressing rooms and DJ booths as a background for the performance. Adorned with fedoras and vests, the girls jazzed their way across the stage with much spunk and heart. Following the Gams were the ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha, mimicking puppets as their counterparts did in the N*Sync video "It's Gonna Be Me." As their music began, each girl popped out of her doll box in unison, dressed to perfectly match the heartthrobs from the video. There was even a little facial hair for good measure.

Before the next act, hosts Steve and Josh announced that four audience members, who had been selected at random, would be dancing off among themselves as entertainment between acts. Girls versus boys, the four alternated showing off their improvised dance moves. The quintet performed three times between the remaining acts, ending in a win for the girls by audience poll of applause.

Sigma Chi represented the last group to showcase their talents before intermission. The group presented their rendition of "Ghost" by Michael Jackson. Made up to look like the zombies made famous in many of Jackson's videos, the four performers crept, crawled and moonwalked their way through the act. After intermission, the Greek social club Delta Mu Pi danced to Ciara's "1, 2 Step." The snappy beat and unique set helped them show off their hip-hop skills. Alpha Omicron Pi, the last group to perform, reenacted the video



Adam Ellis senior from Murray performs on stage with the Mozz Dance Company on November 18, 2005.

"Lose My Breath" by Destiny's Child. The group divided themselves into three battling trios, vying for their own mini dance-off victory.

Last, but certainly not least, the MOZZ Dance Company themselves put on their best MC Hammer impressions with "Can't Touch This." With their moves and style, the company had the whole audience cheering. No wonder these girls (and guy) were able to put on such a stellar show. As with all things, the Dance Off, too, had to end, but not before winners were announced and awards were given. First place was given to AOII.

Members of Alpha Omicron Pi crowd around the participants of the Mr. Msu Pageant. The event is one of their biggest philanthropies.



Mr. MSU

The Ladies of ALpha Omicron Pi return to the 80's to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mr. MSU.

story by Amanda Smith

Alpha Omicron Pi celebrated the 25th anniversary of its Mr. MSU competition with a step back into the 1980s, complete with leg warmers, bright tights and side-ponytails.

Joshua Watkins, sophomore from Hopkinsville, took home both the Mr. MSU and Mr. Congeniality titles in this year's competition.

The sorority donated the \$6,250 raised through this event to two different causes. Half went to AOPi's national philanthropy, the Arthritis Foundation. The rest went to aid Hurricane Katrina victims.

In honor of the event's anniversary, the sorority invited all of the previous winners to attend, according to junior Ashley Powell of Hopkinsville, AOPi's philanthropy chairperson. Four of the winners returned to MSU for the evening.

This year's 17 contestants were judged by a panel in four different categories. Prior to the pageant, they were required to write an essay. They then participated in an interview, a formalwear competition and a talent contest in front of the audience.

The contestant's talents varied widely, including a banjo duet and a Napoleon Dynamite routine.

Lance Lee, senior from Scottsville, participated on behalf of the Honors Program and performed a Latin dance for the crowd. He said he enjoyed every aspect of his involvement in Mr. MSU, but "preparing for the contest throughout the week was the most fun of all."

Contestants also danced to an '80s

music medley with the juniors of AOPi. The mix of songs included Michael Jackson's "Thriller," and Kenny Loggins' "Footloose."

Though the contestants were not judged on their dance performance, learning the choreography was a major part of preparing for the pageant. John Spinner, senior from Decatur, Ill., represented

Sigma Chi in the contest and said that learning and rehearsing the dance was his favorite part of the pre-pageant week.

All of the sorority's 90 members had some role in putting on the event. Freshmen were responsible for helping out backstage and sophomores were in charge of ticket sales and handing out programs. Juniors danced onstage

alongside the contestants and AOPi's seniors served as the contestants' escorts during the formalwear competition.

Said Powell: "The show was a huge success this year. It was fast-paced and the guys provided the audience with some amazing talent."

Joshua Watkins serenaded his mother with a song he had written for the talent competition

Marshall Welch, AOPi Guy, performs during intermission



Jones wins leading role at Miss MSU

Story by Amanda Smith
Photos by Charissa Acree

An Evening with the Stars

Murray State students had an opportunity to experience an evening on the red carpet at Miss MSU 2006.

Jamie Jones, sophomore from Benton, was crowned Miss MSU after months of preparation and one night of introductions, dancing and interviews.

The 15 contestants, along with Miss MSU chair Emily Hays, junior from Lexington, had been preparing for the pageant since fall 2005.

Hays, who interviewed for and won the chair position in March 2005, said that the theme was one of the first aspects of the show to come together.

"When I first began thinking of a theme I was trying to find something that would highlight the class and sophistication of the 15 contestants. Old Hollywood was the first thing that came to mind," she said.

The 15 women who represented their campus organizations in the show began their Miss MSU preparation in the fall, when they were chosen as finalists after preliminary interviews for the pageant. Beginning in February, they attended

weekly rehearsals and then daily rehearsals the week of the competition.

The contestants visited an assisted living facility together as a service project, said Maegan Worely, senior from Fulton, who represented the Baptist Campus Ministry in the pageant.

Many of the contestants agreed that the time they spent in rehearsals was very rewarding.

"My favorite part about participating in Miss MSU was getting to know 14 other amazing ladies, who otherwise I may not have had a chance to meet," said Christian Yates, senior from Collierville, Tenn. and representative for the Public Relations Student Society of America.

The contestants also enjoyed the excitement of pageant night.

"My favorite part of the competition was walking down the runway and seeing all of my sorority sisters, friends, and family there to cheer me on," said Lauren Moore, junior from Benton, Ill., who represented Alpha Gamma Delta. Moore had knee surgery just before the competition and was not supposed to be walking at all.

At the end of the evening, the work paid off, according to Worley.

"It took a lot of time and practicing, but in the end I was very happy that I did it, and I am very grateful for the opportunity," she said.

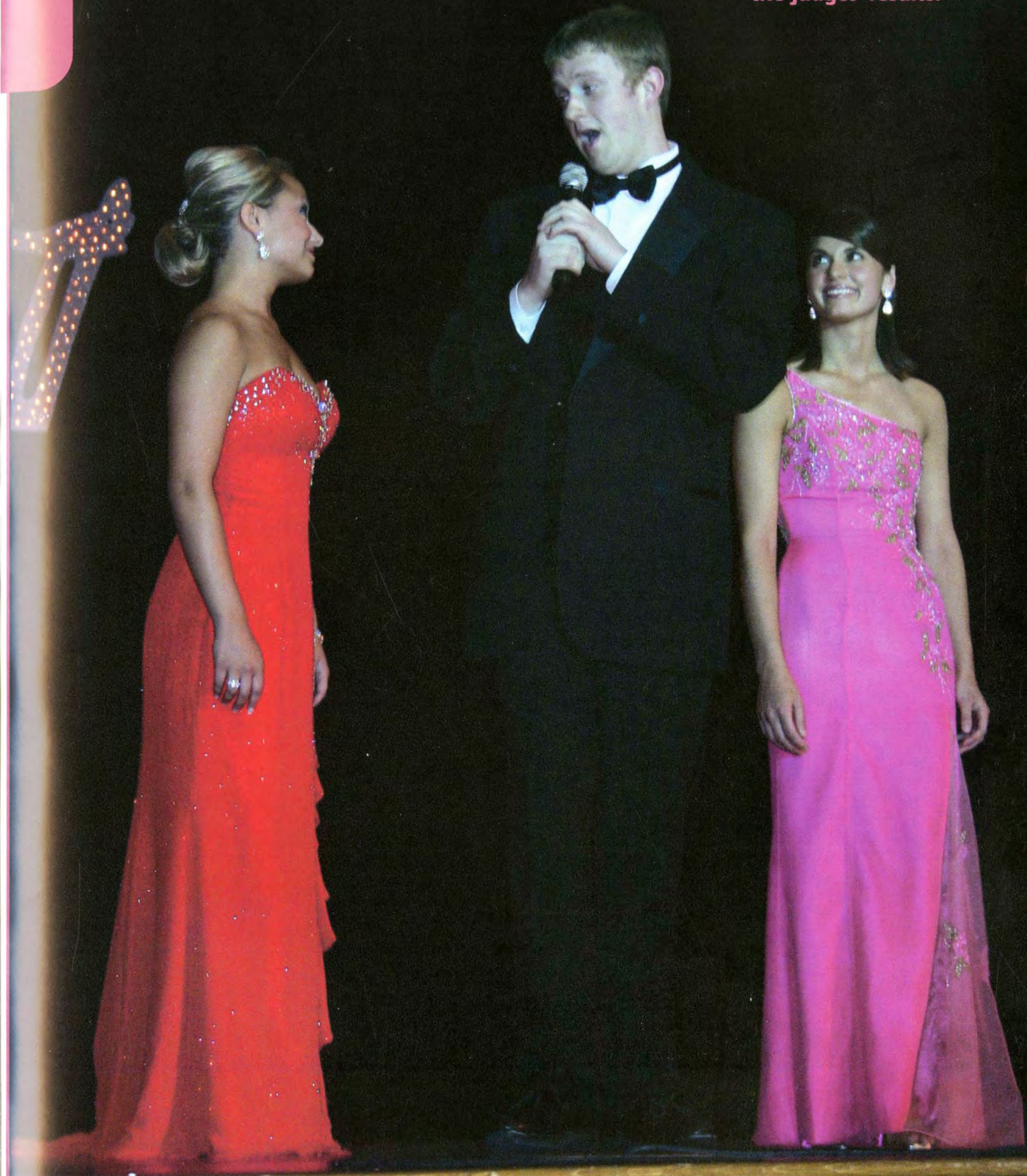
Yates agreed that the pageant was well worth the effort.

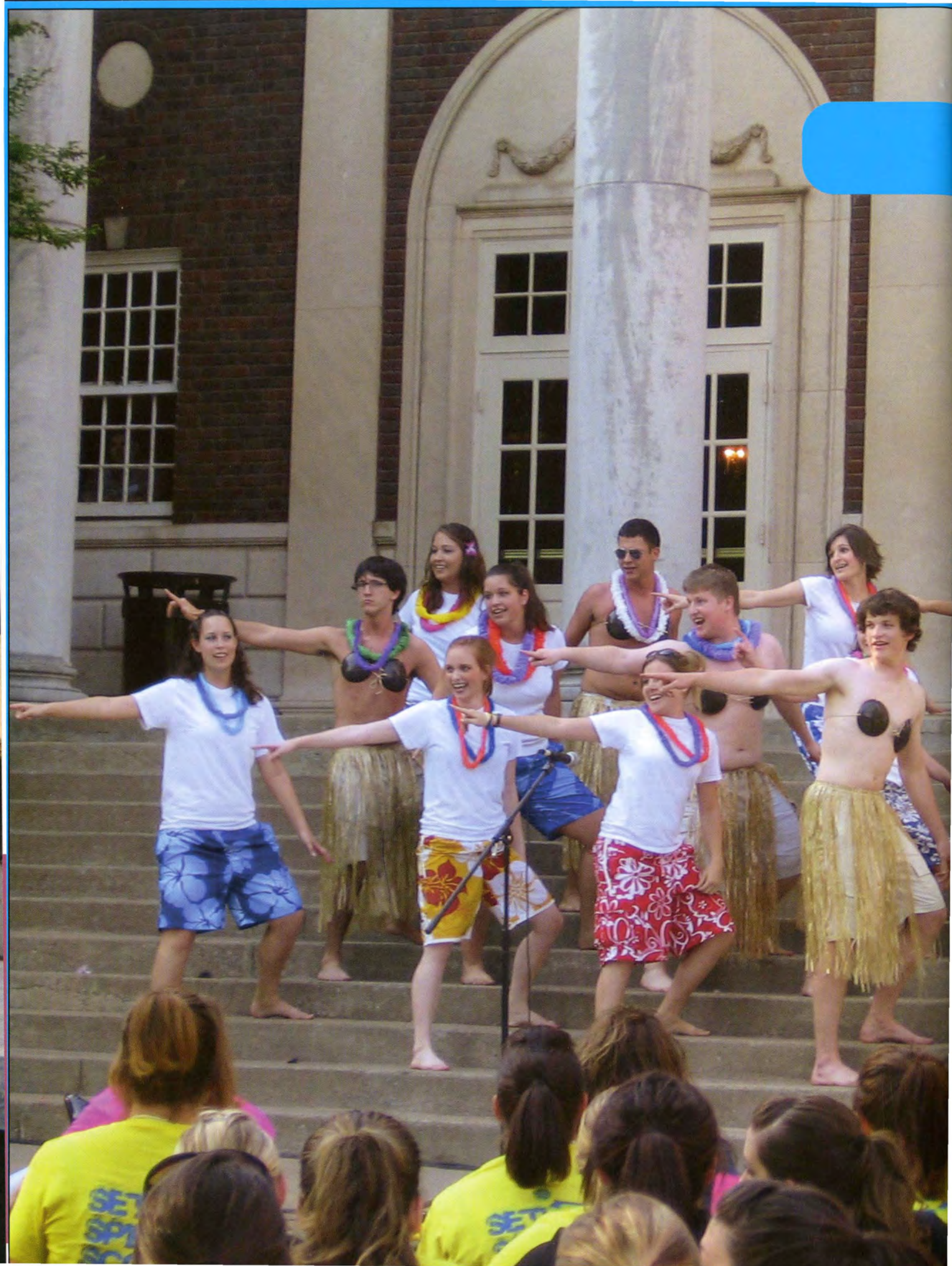
Said Yates. "I know Jamie Jones will do an outstanding job representing the university as Miss MSU 2006. Jamie is a role model to all, and I think she will be able to reach other women on campus and make a difference at MSU."

After weeks of preparation and rehearsal, Jamie Jones is crowned Miss MSU 2006.



**The Top Five
contestants for Miss
MSU are serenaded
while they wait for
the judges' results.**





All-Campus Sing

Annual Event
Showcases
Campus Talent

Contestants in the 48th annual All Campus Sing took audience members to a beach, to a sweet shop and aboard a yacht.

Sixteen on-campus groups competed in the event, sponsored by Sigma Alpha Iota, which included exhibition acts by the MSU football team and Phi Mu Alpha fraternity. It took place April 19 on the steps of Lovett Auditorium.

Competing groups were assigned to the independent, residential college, fraternity or sorority segment of the contest. The Honors Program, Hester College, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Alpha Gamma Delta each took home first place honors in their divisions

The song and dance numbers presented at All Campus Sing were the product of hours of preparation. Campus organizations began brainstorming themes, choosing songs, and choreographing dances before spring break.

"In the beginning we got together and started just singing through the music every night that we met," said Ashlee Hardman, freshman from Paducah. As the show neared, her group began assigning parts and working on harmony. Hardman

Students from Hester College perform in their beach-themed attire to win first-place.

performed in Hart College's show, based on "The Producers."

Choreography also took weeks of work.

"The most challenging part of participating was learning the dance steps," said Lyndsey Staples, freshmen from Evansville, Ind., who was also a participant in Hart College's show

Still, music and choreography were not the only concern for those preparing for All Campus Sing.

"The costumes were insane to make," said Claire Davis, senior from Madisonville. "I think one of our creatures had plastic fork claws." Davis represented the Honors Program in the contest. Her group's theme was "Jabberwocky"

Contestants agreed that the hard work, the rehearsals, and the time commitment were worthwhile.

Said Staples. "The best part was getting to know more people that live in Hart. I don't think I would have ever talked to them if we hadn't done this together. I can't wait to see what we will do next year."

Participants perform on stage in Lovett in the 2006 Step-Off hosted by the brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.



Step by Step

Months of practice prepares teams for competition

Witches, monks, demons and soldiers flooded the stage in Lovett Auditorium March 29, 2006.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and Derby City's Phynest took home trophies in the annual Alpha Phi Alpha Step Off.

The event, hosted by Kyrus Harrington III, was a fundraiser for the March of Dimes and other charities. Advance tickets were \$6 for students.

Ten groups three fraternities, five sororities, and two independent teams entered the 2006 contest. Many of them began preparing two to three months in advance. Some also required auditions for places on the final team.

Kelly Kurzendoerfer, sophomore from Crestwood, was a first year participant in the event. She got involved in the Step Show through her sorority, Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"I was so interested in stepping after seeing last year's show," Kurzendoerfer said.

However, putting together a step routine was hard work. Ronnie Walls, junior from Marion, Ill. and Sigma Phi Epsilon team member, said the many

rehearsals for the event helped his group to bond.

"We did everything together, from getting hurt to making fun of each other," Walls said, "It is definitely a growing experience."

Christopher Thone, sophomore from Memphis, Tenn., and alternate for the Alpha Sigma Phi team, agreed that preparation was taxing.

"It was a lot of fun learning the steps

although it was very hard to get it perfect," Thone said.

Lorenzo Goodman, a sophomore from Metropolis, Ill., and member of the Phi Mu Alpha team, helped his group choreograph their routine in addition

to performing with them on stage.

"The show was definitely a hype," Goodman said. "It was a lot of hard work and dedication."

But for step show competitors, the performance and the audience's applause were worth the practice. According to Goodman, the best part of being involved in the event was "actually stepping the show and hearing the crowd response."

The 10 teams involved in Step-Off spent months preparing for the show.



Night of Stars



Murray State students Stephen Hunt and Melissa Crespo vie for the title of Murray Idol at "A Night of Stars."

Two Friends Vie for Title

Story and Photography by Elaine Kight

The stage was a conglomeration of rock, country, jazz and oldies, original and remixed music, as local talent of all ages came to perform at A Night of Stars II in Lovett Auditorium on November 12, 2005. Senior Stephen Hunt of Paducah captured the title of the first "Murray State Idol," in this culminating round of the competition.

MSU graduates Stephen Keene and Erika Johnson Mehta emceed the event and opened the show with a joint performance of a Stevie Wonder melody accompanied by the Murray State University Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Paducah native and world-renowned Emmy nominated songwriter and entertainer Terry Mike Jeffries and his band followed with their version of well-known favorites like Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World," Simon and Garfunkel's "Bridge Over Troubled Waters" and at the request of the crowd, "In the Ghetto," by Elvis Presley.

After a short intermission, the two finalists, Keene and Mehta announced Crespo's first appearance, but instead received a surprise visit from Dunker, MSU's mascot. After being escorted off the stage, Dunker made several appearances later in the competition and was eventually allowed mic time to sing his version of "Home on the Range" with the help of Murray State cheerleaders.

Hunt and freshman Melissa Crespo of Mascoutah, Ill. sang two songs for a panel of "totally unbiased judges" said event coordinator and ensemble conductor Dennis Johnson. Crespo chose "Why Haven't I Heard From You" and "At Last" and Hunt sang and played the guitar for "Days Go By" and "Two Months Pay," a song that he wrote in Nashville this past summer.

In addition to the title of the first ever Murray State Idol, Hunt and Crespo vied for a \$500 or \$250 tuition scholarship and two hours in a recording studio, but Hunt said that his friendship with Crespo lessened the heat of the competition. "We enjoy being around each other a lot; I don't feel like she's my competitor at all," he said before the

competition. At the end of the competition, when Hunt was named Murray Idol, the two hugged and congratulated the other on a job well done.

Both finalists agreed that aside from the fun of preparing and participating in the competition, the main purpose for their involvement was exposure.

"As a freshman it is amazing to get on the stage at Lovett Auditorium and show all these new people what I love to do," said Crespo, who represented Richmond Residential College. "It was never a question of whether I was going to participate."

One of Hunt's goals this semester was to "gain publicity at MSU as a musician," he said. "I want to be associated with music and this event has been quite helpful in doing that."

Hunt, of Clark Residential College, said he realized a year and a half ago that he wanted to pursue a music career with his "progressive country style." He had been seeking opportunities to perform individually or with his band, Central Station, ever since.

Hunt added that he enjoyed sharing the stage with other local talent.

"I was honored and humbled my name was on the same poster as these great musicians." These performers included the emcees, Terry Mike Jeffries, Melissa Crespo, as well as 2005 Paducah Idol Fowler Black.

The entire group closed the evening with a joint performance of "God Bless the USA;" they were joined by the other six Murray Idol semi-finalists and Dunker, who carried the American flag.

Johnson said he received numerous emails from faculty and students complimenting him and the stars on the success of the evening.

Said Johnson. "Night of Stars has already become somewhat of a tradition and it is hoped that the Idol Competition enters that realm as well. I think its wonderful to identify student talent and Murray State certainly has its share of talented students throughout the campus."



Crespo congratulates Hunt after he was announced as the 2005 Murray Idol winner.

Students
participate in
69th
annual
production

story by Amanda Smith

Campus Lights

Over 80 students participated in MSU's 69th annual production of Campus Lights, sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Alpha Iota.

Preparation for the 2006 edition of Campus Lights began almost as soon as the 2005 show ended, according to Clair O'Neill, sophomore from Lexington. She and David McCall, senior from Greenfield, Tenn., were chosen to direct the production in April 2005.

"We spent the summer reading over seven different shows, trying to find one that we felt we could both really love doing," O'Neill said. "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying" was a favorite for both directors.

In the fall, O'Neill and McCall presented their top five choice to the Board of Producers, McCall said.





Susan Compton, sophomore from Midland, Texas, played Hedy LaRue in the production.

Rehearsals took “more time and energy than I ever thought I had,” Compton said, but she enjoyed the experience. “The long practices really help to make the cast really close,” she said.

On opening night, the time commitment and the sacrifice paid off.

“The crowd loved the show and the actors got the praise they deserved after their weeks of hard work,” O’Neill said.

“How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying” was performed four times Jan. 26-29. Tickets were \$7 for the public and \$5 for students and senior citizens.

The proceeds from the event went to help fund a full four-year scholarship presented to an incoming music student every four years, according to Michael Melton, senior from Providence and chairman of the Board of Producers.

Said Melton: “Campus Lights gives back to the community and the school.”

Redemption Rock

Jars of Clay brings Sara Groves and Donald Miller to its third appearance at Murray State

story by Amanda Smith
photos by Kyser Lough

Members of all three groups gather onstage at the end of the concert. Jars of Clay, Donald Miller and Sara Groves finished the evening with a joint performance.



Hundreds of people crowded into Lovett Auditorium to see Jars of Clay, Sara Groves, and Donald Miller in concert Nov. 19.

The evening began with a reading by Donald Miller, writer of Blue Like Jazz and Searching For God Knows What. He read an excerpt from his newest book, To Own A Dragon. He was followed by Sara Groves, who played the keyboard and sang songs from her recently released "Add To The Beauty" album. Jars of Clay closed the concert with music from their newest CD, "Redemption Songs", and a variety of old favorites.

The Student Government Association sold 694 tickets for the event, according to SGA Advisor Jeanie Morgan. Students were allowed to purchase tickets at a discounted price of \$12. General admission was \$15.

Clayton Vertrees, freshman from Owensboro, attended the concert because he was familiar with and liked Jars of Clay.

"I didn't know who Sara Groves or Donald Miller were before the concert," she

said. "I plan on purchasing one of Donald Miller's books of what I heard from the concert from him."

The SGA and Campus Activities Board supplied workers for the concert. Members served in a variety of capacities, including ushering, taking tickets, and selling t-shirts.

SGA member Jennifer Mielke, sophomore from Statesville, N.C., learned the ropes at the merchandise booth before the concert.

"The interesting thing was that the guy who taught us to work the credit card machine and everything, being really nice, was a member of the band," she said. "I didn't realize this till I looked at the humongous poster of them behind the stand."

The concert was Jars of Clay's third at Murray State during the band's 13 year history.



Jars of Clay sings and plays on stage. The band performed several of its older hits, such as "Flood," "Overjoyed," and "Crazy Times."



EDUCATION

Students at Murray State keep up not only with schoolwork, but also with other important education issues. For example, students were interested in undergraduate research to help build a good resume. Students also wanted to know about the nursing along with studying abroad and student teaching were also on students' minds.

Murray State students also wanted to know what lay in the future for them. How do they find a job after graduation, do internships help, and what were some good graduate schools? Students pose these questions and the education section in the 2006 yearbook attempts to shed some light on these often baffling issues.

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Top 5 Grad

Schools Which Graduate School is Right for You?

Story by Bianca McNees

When graduating from Murray State University, many students wondered what to do next. Many thought about graduate school but did not know how to choose the best one.

Here is a list of the top five graduate schools in America in different disciplines according to US News and World Report. While this is not an exhaustive list, it may help students searching for the right school.

1. Top ranking business school: Harvard University

- Location: Boston, MA
- Application fee: \$225
- Admission Statistics: Average GMAT: 707, acceptance rate: 15.7 percent
- 2005-2006 out-of-state tuition: \$37,000 for full-time students
- 2005 total full-time enrollment: 1,821 students
- 2005 graduates employed at graduation: 88.1 percent
- 2005 graduates employed three months after graduation: 94.3 percent
- Average starting salary: \$ 103,044

2. Top ranking law school: Yale University (private school)

- Location: New Haven, CT
- Application fee: \$70
- Admission Statistics: LSAT scores – 168-175, acceptance rate- 6.2 percent
- 2005-2006 out-of-state tuition: \$38,000 full-time, \$9,700 part-time
- 2005 faculty-student ratio: 7.8
- 2005 graduates employed at graduation: 97.3 percent
- 2005 graduates employed nine months after graduation: 98.9 percent
- In jurisdiction bar passage rate: 94.2 percent
- Overall bar passage rate: 75 percent

How to get into the graduate program at Murray State

To be accepted into the graduate program students must meet the following requirements...

- * Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- * Have a minimum GPA of 2.25
- * Be approved by the department from which they wish to receive their degree
- * Complete an Admission Application (available online at www.murraystate.edu) and mail it with their \$25 application fee.
- * Send Murray State an official transcript from their undergraduate institution
- * Take any tests required by the department.

Application should be received by July 1 of each year for admission into the graduate program in the fall.

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3. Second ranked medical school: Johns Hopkins University (private school)

- Location: Baltimore, MD
- Application fee: \$75
- Admission Statistics: average MCAT composite score- 11.5, acceptance rate- 5.9 percent
- 2005-2006 out-of-state tuition: \$33,000
- 2005 faculty-student ratio: 10.2
- 2005 total full-time enrollment: 739

4. Top ranking engineering school: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

- Location: Cambridge, MA
- Application fee: \$70
- Admission Statistics: average GRE verbal: 566, average GRE quantitative: 775, average GRE analytical: 724, acceptance rate: 25.4 percent
- 2005-2006 out-of-state tuition: \$32,100 full-time
- 2005 faculty membership in National Academy of Engineering: 13.2 percent
- 2005 total full-time enrollment: 2,717

5. Top ranking education school: Teacher's College, Columbia University

- Location: New York, NY
- Application fee: \$60
- Admission Statistics: average GRE verbal: 553, average GRE quantitative: 638, average GRE analytical: 622, acceptance rate: 14.6 percent
- 2005-2006 tuition: \$935 per credit hour (full-time), \$935 per credit hour (part-time)
- 2005 faculty-student ratio: 19.4

These schools were just a few of the top ranking graduate schools. There were more schools in all disciplines that were ranked by price, location, and anything else that was of interest to students. For more information on these schools or any other school go to www.usnews.com.

Graduate Programs Offered At Murray State

Master of Arts

Master of Arts in Education

Master of Arts in Teaching

Master of Business Administration

Master of Music Education

Master of Professional Accountancy

Master of Public Administration

Master of Science

Master of Science in Nursing

Specialist in Education

For more information about Graduate courses, visit Murray State online at www.murraystate.edu.

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MEDIA ETHICS

In the world of the mass media, is the right thing always the best thing?

STORY BY Bianca McNees

Education Editor

When Rick Bragg came to Murray State University in the fall of 2002 to speak to incoming freshmen, he was held in high regard for his Pulitzer Prize winning feature stories in which he used his Southern style of writing.

"The committee felt the memoir was compelling and that many MSU students would relate to Bragg's experiences," said Staci Stone, director of humanities and assistant professor in the department of English and philosophy.

Bragg's record, however, is not spotless. According to an article published June 5, 2003 by *USA Today*, Bragg resigned from his position at *The New York Times* on May 28, 2003. He had recently been suspended by the paper for having his byline on a story about the Apalachicola region that was mainly reported by a freelance writer, J. Wes Yoder.

"If he were a student in one of my classes, he would have been required to give credit to the researcher," Stone said. "This situation with Bragg shows that the rules of plagiarism, which many students see as applicable only in an academic setting, are enforced in the 'real world.'"

However, Bragg is not suffering financially from this unethical behavior. *USA Today* reported in September 2003 that Bragg would co-author the book about Jessica Lynch. Later that same year, the paper announced that Bragg would split a \$1 million advance with Lynch.

It is also evident that Bragg was not punished severely. Not only did *The New York Times* not fire him, the editor at the time also excused his behavior.

An editor's note reported that, "It [*The New York Times*] found that while Mr. Bragg indeed visited Apalachicola briefly and wrote the article, the interviewing and reporting on the scene were done by a freelance journalist, J. Wes Yoder."

So while it is not ethically right that Bragg did not write the article, it is admissible because he briefly visited the area. Even though *The New York Times* did suspend Bragg for this offense, reporters at other papers would have been fired over such an offense.

Bragg did lose something important – his credibility to readers. He can always get another job, but some may not trust what he says.

Stone said that in light of this situation, Bragg's book would not have been chosen for the freshman reading assignment.

"We chose the book so that students could discuss the theme of discovering oneself and finding one's place in the world," Stone said. "The violation of ethics that happened at *The New York Times* would have overshadowed those other issues."

PLAGIARISM

Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person's material as one's own), or doing work for another person which will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination; the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, computer files or term papers; or the presentation of unacknowledged material as if it were the student's own work.

Plagiarism, one of the most serious forms of academic dishonesty, is defined as follows: Plagiarism is stealing the words or ideas of another and passing them off as one's own. Whenever a student submits a piece of writing claiming original authorship, it is understood that the student is claiming that all the ideas, opinions, facts, figures, conclusions, revisions, and words are the student's original work, unless the student explicitly indicates otherwise via footnotes, attribution in the text, and/or appropriate quotation marks. Failure to acknowledge the contribution of the original author is an act of dishonest deception for which a student can be disciplined under the University's policy on academic dishonesty.

*courtesy of MSU Undergraduate Bulletin

UNIVERSITY'S POLICY on academic dishonesty

When "buy a term paper" was typed into Google's search engine, 51,100,000 hits came up on the webpage. With so many websites to choose from, it was now easier than ever to plagiarize a term paper for any subject.

"Research tells me that [plagiarism] has increased dramatically over the past decade or two," said David Martin, Associate Professor of Management. "There are a number of websites that will sell you a paper and guarantee that it is original."

Martin was head of a committee, in spring 2006, of about 20 professors across campus that took papers that students turned in over the course of the semester and submitted them to turnitin.com.

At the end of the semester, he met with the committee to get the results of how many papers were plagiarized and how many papers had plagiarism in them, said Martin. The committee shared their feelings on whether the program would be a useful program to employ campus wide.

This committee was one of the many programs in the Academic Honesty Program the

PROFESSORS ATTEMPT TO CRACK DOWN ON BORROWED WORK

university was using in 2005-2006 to solve the problem of plagiarism, Martin said.

Dr. Celia Wall, Associate Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications, participated in the program with Martin.

"While the internet made plagiarizing easier, getting caught has significant consequences," said Wall. Her policy on plagiarism was that, if caught, a student would fail the course.

Warren Edminster, Associate Professor of English and Philosophy, said plagiarism was a violation of the principle of academic honesty.

"It is hard to trust any of the work a student does after they plagiarize", said Edminster.

Edminster said he also failed students for plagiarism

Martin had a different approach to reprimanding a student caught plagiarizing.

"It is a graduated scale," said Martin. He found the percentage of words that had been plagiarized and then multiplied them by two. He subtracted that percentage amount from the original grade to get the final grade.

To avoid lowering grades because of

plagiarism, Martin said professors should take four preventive measures each semester:

- * Define plagiarism clearly and show examples of what is considered plagiarism and what is not.
- * Warn students that their papers will be screened for plagiarism.
- * Explain grading procedures thoroughly.
- * Keep a record of the number of papers turned in during the semester and the number of papers with plagiarism in them.

Is college too late, though, to stop plagiarism?

For Martin, it would be better if students were taught since elementary school that plagiarism is wrong and a punishable offense.

Edminster wanted students to know that it does not help them to plagiarize on a paper. Said Edminster: "They are not here to get grades. They are here to get an education but by plagiarizing they are only learning how to be dishonest."

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



One student's thirst for knowledge leads her from the lecture hall to the laboratory

Story by Bianca McNees
Photography by Marshall Welch

Spending three summers working in a chemistry lab may not sound like the best way to spend your summer, but it has proven advantageous for senior Tera Rica Murdock of Murray.

Murdock, chemistry and Spanish double major, conducted research under Ricky Cox, associate professor, that involved testing an enzyme used in antibiotic research.

"We want to identify certain compounds that can be given to a person

with a resistant strain of bacteria to tie up the enzyme so the antibiotic will work," Cox said.

While this research has been going on since 1999, Murdock joined this summer after her freshman year in 2003 when Dr. Judy Ratliff, chemistry department chair, told her about the opportunity.

Since then, Murdock has made great strides in her field, even being listed as a co-author in the article about the

research published in *Biochemistry*, the third highest ranking journal among the 261 journals in this academic area, according to Molly Harper, reporter at the *Paducah Sun*.

Because of this achievement, Murdock has also gained important experience for her future career. Murdock wants to go to international or patent law, which requires presentation skills. This undergraduate research has given her the chance to present the work at professional conferences all over the country, including San Diego, California.

"This research has prepared me for my career because it has taught me to be able to present things in a way that people can understand, not just using technical words," Murdock said.

Research can also have its advantages in the college setting, not just in the future. Getting to know the faculty and

Tera Rica Murdock analyzes her research in the lab. The knowledge and experience she has gained in her three summers of research have made her an expert in her chosen discipline.



having them not only as teachers but as colleagues is another benefit, Murdock said. It is easier to approach professors for help in a class if you also work with them.

"Patience is a value that is learned during undergraduate research," Murdock said. "At times when data is hard to interpret and experiments have to be repeated, patience is the only thing you learn."

It may seem like hard work to do research, but it is necessary in a competitive job market.

"Courses are good, but hands-on research brings it together," Cox said. "It gives you communication skills, analytical skills, and problem solving skills."

Murdock's advice is to talk to several professors about research they are conducting and find out what most interests you. Seek it out because it sets you apart from the rest of the students in your field.

Speaking of her research and the opportunities it presented her with, such as being published in a professional journal, Murdock said, "It was the highlight of my undergraduate career."

Of the many majors at Murray State, only five stood out from the rest enough to be the most popular majors among students. Those majors had the most degrees conferred at graduation in 2004-2005. Yet, what made these areas of study popular enough to be called the top five majors?

1 elementary education

Why do you think elementary education was so popular as a major?

Jeanie Robertson, coordinator of student teaching, said that students like that they have a chance to make a difference in the lives of young children. Also, said Robertson, the enthusiasm of the children makes them enjoyable to work with.

What was the job placement of graduates?

Approximately 80 percent of graduates were able to find jobs, said Robertson.

2 business administration

What were the advantages of this major?

Dr. Roger Schoenfeldt, chair and professor of management, said the advantages of a business administration major is that students get a broad understanding of the different disciplines of business which prepare them for different positions of responsibility in business organizations.

Were there any special skills required in this area?

Students needed presentation and speaking skills along with writing, quantitative, and computer skills, said Schoenfeldt, to succeed in the business field.

3 agriculture

What jobs could a graduate in this area get?

Agriculture teacher, farmer, agriculture credit officer, equipment dealership owner/manager, landscaper, agriculture research and development are just a few of the jobs that students can get upon graduation, said Dr. Dwayne Driskill, head of Canerdy said.

What was entry level salary?

It varies but usually graduates made \$30,000 or more a year, said Driskill.

top 5 majors

OUT OF A SELECTION OF HUNDREDS OF MAJORS,
THESE FIVE LED THE WAY TO A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

story by Bianca McNees Education Editor

organizational communication

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What could be difficult about this major?

Organizational communication is a complex and theoretical major, said Dr. Steve Cox, chair and associate professor of organizational communication. Because the subject matter is likable, Cox said, it may seem easy but in fact students were driven to develop better critical thinking, written and presentation skills.

What was the job placement rate of graduates with this degree?

Since organizational communication is applicable to every career field, Cox said, the placement rate is 100 percent. All these students found a job where they could apply what they learned in their major, Cox said.

animal health technology

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What do you think made this major so popular?

People who love animals and combined with a want to help make the world better, animal health technology is a good major, said Dr. Terry Canerdy, head of the animal health technology program.

What was the usual salary in this area?

The usual salary is between \$20,000-\$28,000, Canerdy said.

Training Tomorrow's Leaders

Students in the College of Education Prepare for a future as America's educators

For the education majors at Murray State University, their last semester served as the culmination of everything they learned as students. It was during this time that the tables reversed and *they* were the teachers.

Amy Rogers, an elementary education major from Marshall County, graduated in December 2005 after successfully completing three-and-a-half years in the Murray State program and one full semester as a student teacher.

"I learned more from student teaching than I did in all four years of college. It is real experience that you don't get in a college classroom," said Rogers. Her days began at 6:00 every morning, Monday through Friday and she commuted to East Elementary School on the east side of Murray.

The first half of her semester was spent as a student teacher in a 2nd grade classroom. After fall break, Rogers moved to the 5th grade where she completed the semester. Rogers said she enjoyed working with the children, as "it's the first time they really treat you like a teacher."

Continuing in the strong legacy of Murray State's history, the College of Education remained the second largest college at Murray State from 1995 to 2004. Next to the College of Business and Public Affairs, the College of Education handed out the most baccalaureate and masters degrees.

Jennifer Burch, a senior elementary education major from Buchanan, Tennessee, will be student teaching in the fall of 2006.

"Student teaching allows real world experience," said Burch. "There are so many things that



education students take for granted and by going out and actually applying what we've been taught we'll find that it's not always going to be peachy."

Burch said she expected to learn more about classroom management during her student teaching rotation.

"We have classes that deal with different techniques and strategies to manage a classroom," said Burch. "However, student teaching will give me something that sitting in an education class will never give me...going out and teaching students means daily behavioral issues, conflicting interests and disruptions."

According to Rogers, the education program prepared her for her future career as a teacher, though she admitted there were also negatives about the program.

"They did focus on certain aspects of

teaching much more than they should have. For example, they focused on making lessons plans perfectly, but a teacher hardly ever makes a full lesson plan like they teach you."

According to Dr. Russ Wall, the Dean of Education, student teaching "is one place where we get students into the teaching profession with support.." He compared it to the student teacher's test flight with experienced eyes watching them.

"They get a better feel for what the job is really like," said Wall.

Said Burch: "I believe student teaching will either make or break a lot of us. You just have to be up for the challenge."

Ginny Richerson, interim chair for the College of Education spent time teaching preparing future teachers.

Students make their rounds at Murray Calloway County Hospital as part of their training from Murray State's nursing department.

Nursing

Story by
Caitlin Wardlow
Photography by
Marshall Welch

Students of Medicine and Nursing abound in Murray State's nursing program

About five years ago, the government announced that the country was beginning to face a shortage of nurses, according to CNN.com. The Department of Health and Human Services has said that the nursing population has not kept up with the regular population. The government even projected that in the year 2010, there would be a serious nursing crunch.

However, there is one place there will not be a shortage of nurses.

Due to the growing Department of Nursing at Murray State, the Murray/Calloway County area has plenty of nurses.

Dr. Elizabeth Holcomb, an assistant

professor of nursing at Murray State says she is "sure it's because of the Murray State nursing program."

Keri Jordan, a junior from Metropolis, Illinois, is a member of Murray State's nursing program and agrees with Holcomb. She said that she has not noticed even the slightest bit of a shortage in the Murray area and that, in fact, the number of applications to get into the nursing program has increased.

"We are accommodating all the students in nursing that we possibly can, but ideally ever program in the country would like to be able to admit more students to help alleviate the current national shortage," said Holcomb.



Holcomb went on to explain that the reason there is a limit on how many students can be accepted into the nursing program is because of the limit of students that can be placed clinically in hospitals and other health care facilities in the area.

Jordan said that when she went to visit a relative in the hospital in Paducah awhile ago, the nurse taking care of him was a Murray State graduate. "It was really neat to

see everything that she had learned and what I would be capable of doing when I graduate," Jordan said.

"[Murray State] has a wonderful reputation of preparing excellent nurses," Holcomb said. "We hear all the time that hospitals will hire our graduates over graduates of other schools because of this reputation."

The Facts of Meningitis

What is Meningitis?

It is an inflammation of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It may be bacterial or viral.

One out of every 10 people are carriers of the bacteria that cause meningitis.

3,000 Americans develop bacterial meningitis each year. Out of all the outbreaks, there are about 300 deaths.

100 to 120 of the meningitis outbreaks in the United States take place on college campuses.

There are two types of meningitis: Bacterial and viral. Viral meningitis, also known as septicemia, is the most serious and occurs when meningitis bacteria poison the blood.

Symptoms of Meningitis are often flu-like and include:

- Severe headache
- Stiff neck
- Dislike of bright lights
- Fever or vomiting
- Drowsiness
- Rash
- Possible seizures

Information compiled by Charissa Acree from sources from the Meningitis Research Foundation and Health A to Z family health website

Story By Charissa Acree

A rare but serious disease is making students more aware of health issues when entering college

When parents say goodbye to their high school graduate on the steps of a dormitory, they are worried about a lot of things. How will their child adjust to college life? Who will their son or daughter's new friends be? Will he or she make the right choices throughout their college career? These are just some of the questions that may run through parents' heads as they pull away from a college or university and head for home. The last concern on their mind is that their child might die from a rare but infectious disease.

Alarmingly recent years have made this horrible idea a reality on college campuses across the United States as outbreaks of bacterial meningitis, a disease resulting in the inflammation of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord, have become increasingly more common.

In recent years, reports and studies have shown college freshman living in dormitories are most susceptible to contracting the disease, which is easily spread through respiratory secretions and close contact like sharing cigarettes or drinks.

Mary Leslie Neal, a college minister for Campus Outreach, graduated from Tennessee Technical University in 2003. She was directly affected by a meningitis outbreak during her freshman year in 1999 when one of her friends contracted bacterial meningitis.

Health Awareness: Meningitis

“I had given him a big hug the day before they found him passed out in the community bathroom of his dorm,” Neal said. “He was fine the day before and then the next he was in the hospital. Luckily, he lived, but he lost his toes as a result. I had to take a pill to make sure I didn’t get it, and the university strongly recommended that everyone be vaccinated.”

In April of 2004, the Kentucky General Assembly adopted a new bill recommending “each public or private educational institution that offers a postsecondary degree and has a residential campus shall provide vaccination information on meningococcal meningitis disease to full-time students living in resident housing.”

Dustin Geraci, sophomore from Louisville, was not aware of bacterial meningitis or the possibility of contracting it while in college.

“I think the university should better educate students about the virus to prevent it,” Geraci said. “Have a class or something to inform us. Don’t just give us a piece of paper at the beginning of the year.”

Nathan Chapman, a sophomore from Dyersburg, Tenn., was equally unaware of the danger.

“I didn’t know anything about it,” Chapman said. “But if it’s a possibility that someone could get

meningitis and die I think it should be a mandatory vaccination. Someone shouldn’t die from a disease that can be prevented.”

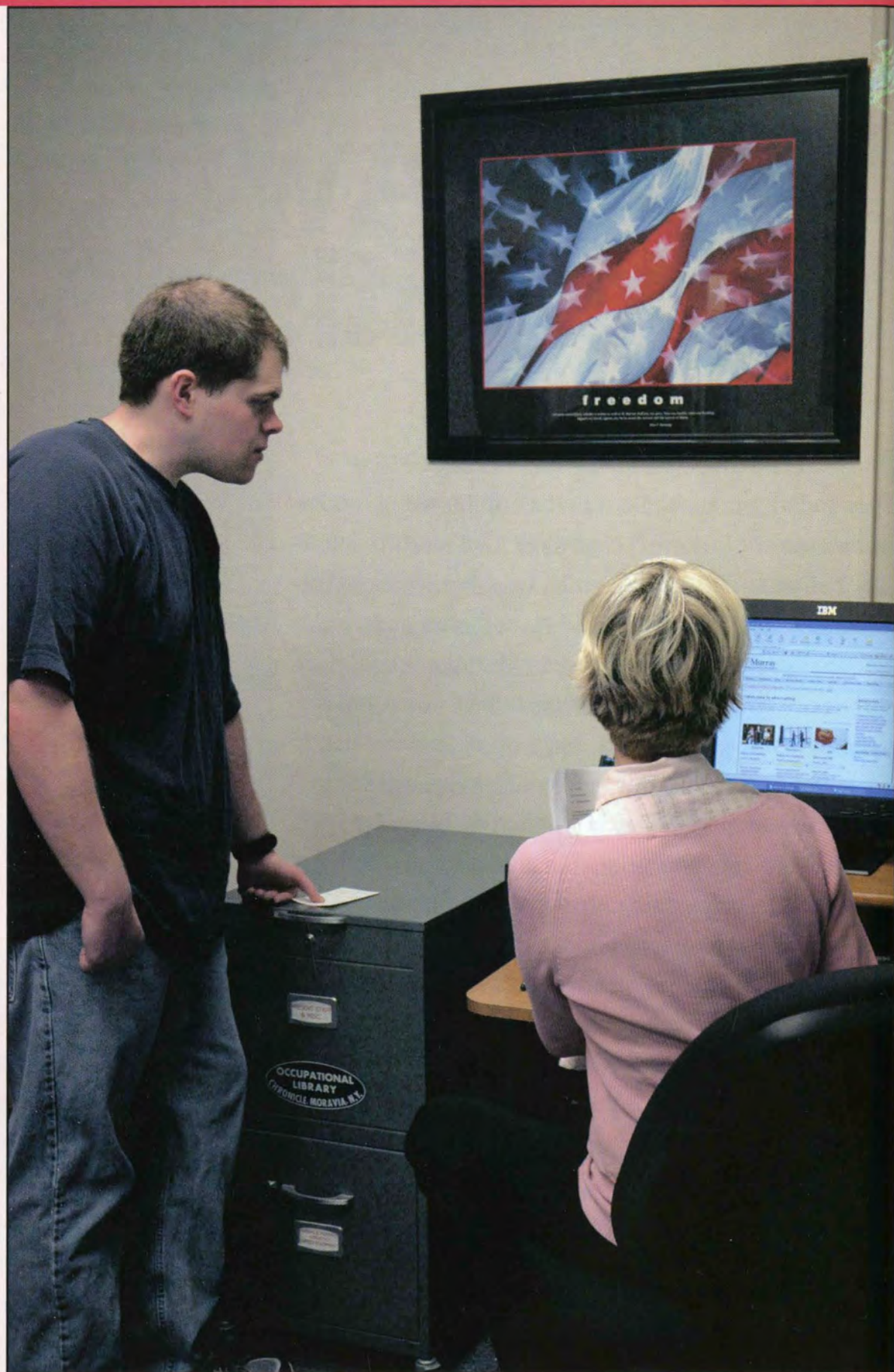
Judy Lyle, a nurse at Health Services, said while the law requires students be informed about the disease, they are not required to be vaccinated.

“We have been very fortunate never to have an outbreak on Murray State’s campus,” Lyle said. “Unfortunately, the peak season for meningitis is fall and spring, the same time of year people begin to catch the flu. Many of the symptoms of meningitis are like those of the flu, so it’s very important for students to be informed about the disease. If caught early enough it is treatable with an antibiotic.”

Michael Hatton, a junior from Georgetown, knew about the danger before he entered Murray State in the fall of 2003. He said he had no negative side effects after receiving the shot, just the reassurance he had taken one more step toward preventing a deadly outbreak.

Said Hatton: “I heard about what was going on at schools around the nation. I didn’t want to end up sick and in the hospital, so I got the vaccination before I came.”

Many students took advantage of the help offered by Career Services to help secure a job by the time they graduated.



Story and Photo by Elaine Kight

Life After College

Career Services assists students
searching for post-graduate jobs

The search for the perfect job for many students began a few months before they hope to receive their first paycheck. Ross Meloan, Director of Career Services on campus, said that a responsible job search for a student requires more than three and a half years to complete.

The ultimate goal, said Meloan, was for students to graduate with a job.

"So many students come to MSU thinking that if they get a degree, they will get a job, and that is not the case," said Melone. In order to help students reach this goal, career services "provides a variety of opportunities and assistance in all aspects of career development," according to the Careers Service online mission statement.

Some of these opportunities included chances to participate in mock interviews, internships, career fairs, and student exchanges or foreign study programs. Each of these opportunities, said Meloan, provides students with the change to be exposed to the real world and can help dispel some of the myths students have about a job search.

"I give students one semester to get used to classes and get highly involved in campus life. Then it's time to come to Career Services," said Meloan.

Although a student's second semester may have seemed very early to start considering a career, Meloan said his job entailed helping students with more than the actual job search. As students transitioned to college, Meloan prevented students from getting caught in their curriculum and exposed them to a variety of vocations.

Sean Clemson, junior from Murray, made contact with Career Services his first semester in college.

"They got me into a Naval Officer Program, which pays me to go to school," he said. After graduation, he will serve for five years in the U.S. Navy in exchange for their paying

for his education.

In addition to making early contact with Career Services, Clemson recommended that a students attend the fall and spring career fair, which was where he learned about the program with the Navy.

"It got me a job. I have job security now. I know what I'll be doing in two years," Clemson said.

Although Beth Thornhill, sophomore from Shepherdsville, did not have specific career plans after graduation, she was able to have "an amazing experience" during the spring 2006 semester because of her participation in the National Student Exchange.

The National Student Exchange allowed students to study at another approved U.S. school for a semester to take classes which would count for their degree, according to the MSU Career Services website. As an Economics and Finance major, Thornhill chose to study at Hunter College in New York City.

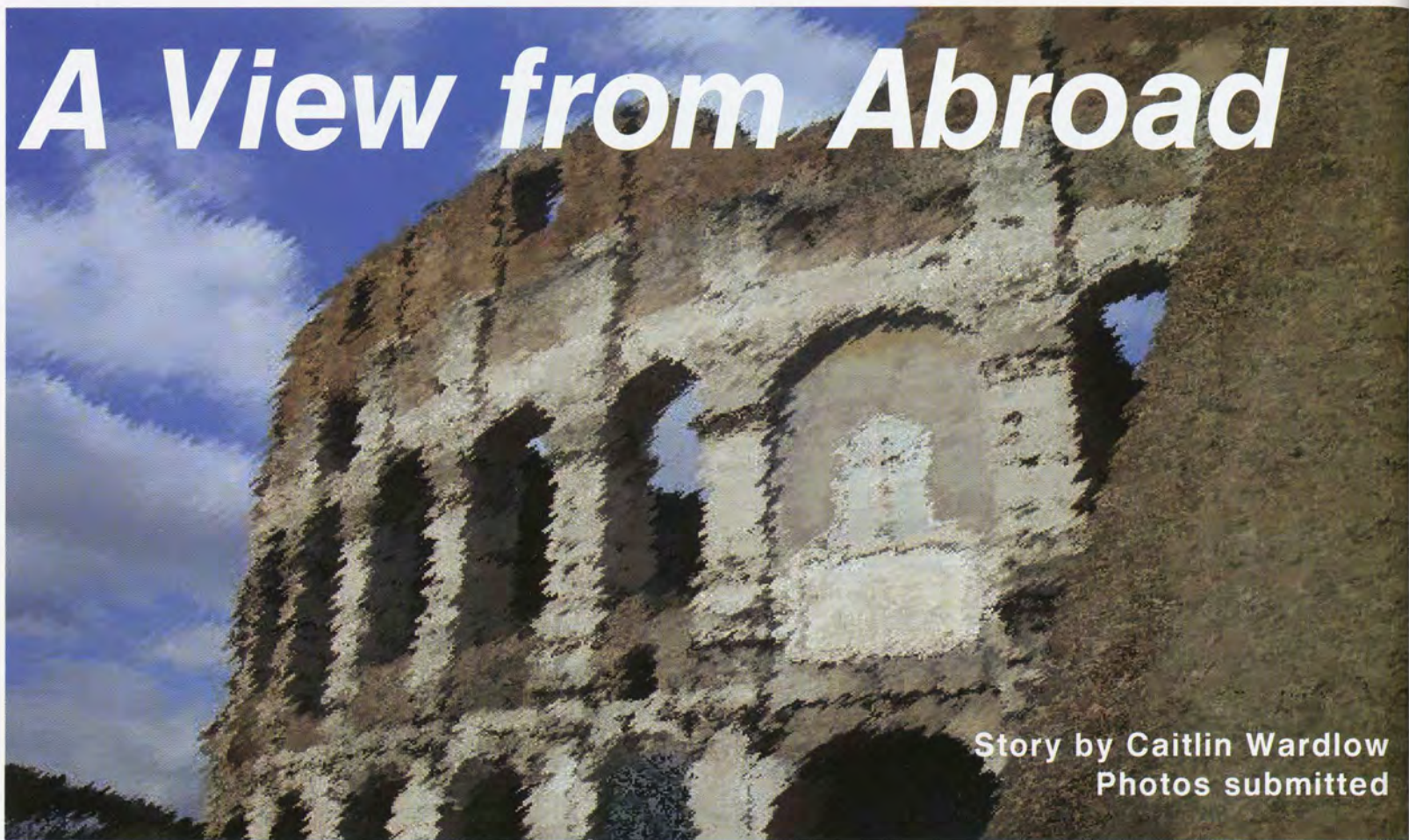
"My time in New York has allowed me to see and experience so many things that I wouldn't have encountered in Murray, KY," said Thornhill, who made contact with Career Services during her second semester of college.

"I couldn't have asked for a smoother transition to or from and Dr. Malone and Donna York were helpful and enthusiastic every step of the way," said Thornhill.

Before Meloan can offer such help, though, a student must take the first step of making a visit to Career Services. The office handles 300.000 appointments every year, and still there are thousands of students who never pay a visit during their time at Murray State.

Said Meloan: "The biggest obstacle we face is the students who don't come to see us."

A View from Abroad

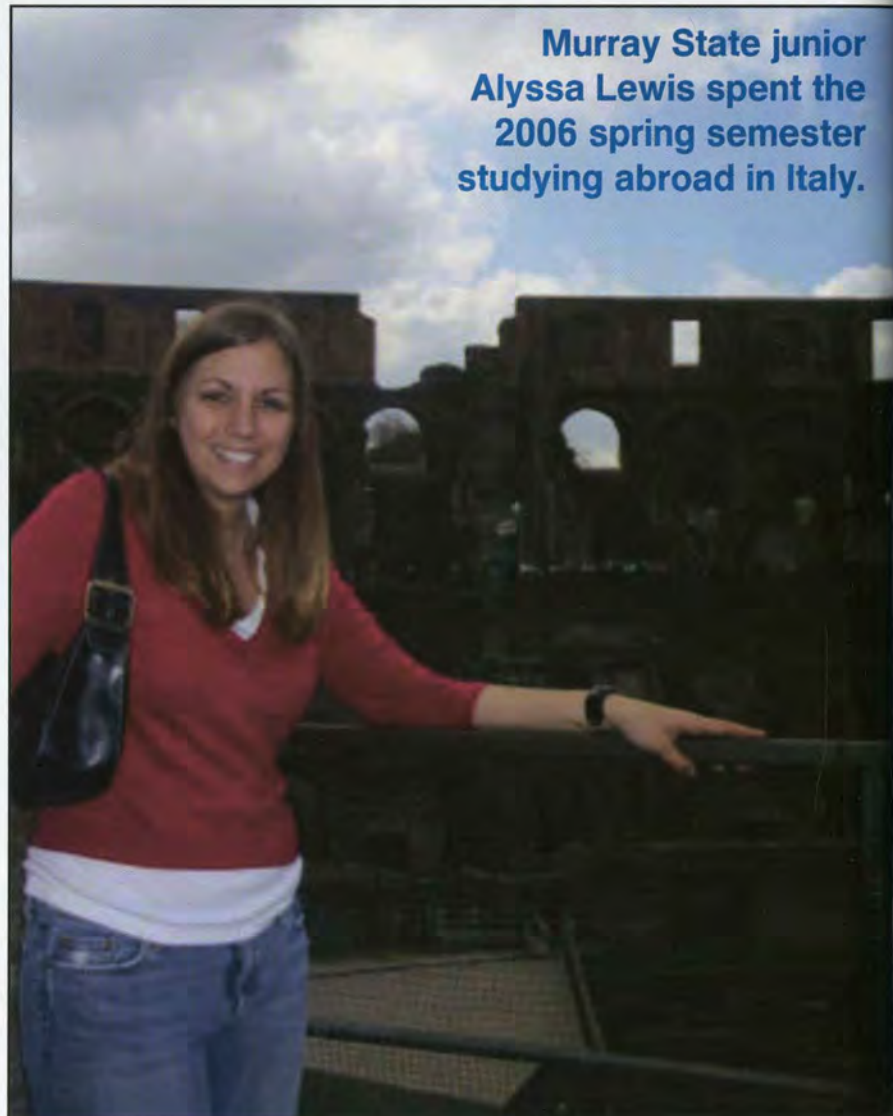


Story by Caitlin Wardlow
Photos submitted

Thousands of students across the nation studied abroad in 2005 and 2006. In fact, the year 2006 was named “The Year to Study Abroad” by the government. Students decided to study abroad for many different reasons. Some did it to build their resume, some did it to perfect a foreign language while others even chose to study abroad as a way to travel the world.

For Alyssa Lewis, junior from Morganfield, the decision to study abroad in Italy during the spring of 2006 was “the best ever made.” Lewis traveled to Italy through one of Murray’s programs called Cultural Experience Abroad (CEA) and studied in Florence, Italy at The Institute of Fine and Liberal Arts at Palazzo Rucellai.

She took 12 hours worth of courses ranging from Elementary Italian to History and Culture of Food. Lewis was in Italy and surrounding countries until May 6th.



**Murray State junior
Alyssa Lewis spent the
2006 spring semester
studying abroad in Italy.**

January 28, 2006

School is so interesting! I have an American professor, as well as professors who are native to Germany, Mexico, and Italy. I get so many interesting perspectives on single topics and my mind is thinking in ways that I've never thought before. There is a totally different pace of life here. There's no rushing, people are consistently late, and none of it seems to bother anyone. The only things that are fast are the scooters! I've already learned so much. I don't think a person can understand how wasteful Americans are until you live in a society that only allows the heat to be on for a certain number of hours a day and only up to a certain temperature. We take these kinds of things so for granted, and while Florentines are used to it, the 4000 American students here now are desperately searching for more blankets! I feel so lucky to have an opportunity to come stay in this beautiful place. Don't get me wrong, there are many problems here that make me so proud to be an American, but at the same time I can see the behavior that leads Italians to dislike us. In just two weeks, I can tell you that studying abroad was the best decision I have ever made. There is no chance that this kind of experience could ever be taught in any American classroom. I think more than anything that you cannot do this without an open mind. People doing things differently than you or the U.S. does not make them wrong, it makes them different. Those are words you have to live by when you're about to bite into a big piece of cinghiale (wild boar), or you walk two miles to buy groceries at 5 p.m. and literally every store in the city is closed. Yes, it can be frustrating but every experience like that makes me more cultured, have an appreciation for the things I have, and gives me the drive to step up to the challenge of successfully living in beautiful simplicity.

~Alyssa

January 27, 2006

I've been in Italy a little over two weeks and I absolutely love it here. My program has been very helpful with handy tips of where to go to get stuff we need to survive, but at the same time it's so much fun just to wander around and find cool new stores, restaurants, etc. I live in a huge apartment right in the center of historic Florence. I've never been much of a history buff, but this city literally takes my breath away every time I go outside. It's an indescribable feeling when you realize that you are walking in same piazzas that famous artists like Michelangelo were walking in hundreds of years ago. It gives me chills every time I think about the fact that the bridge I walk on every day was built almost a THOUSAND years ago. At the same time though, I'm about three minutes away from Dolce and Gabbana, Fendi, Tiffany and Co., Gucci, and the list goes on and on. Don't even get me started on the shoe shopping!

~Alyssa

A Traveler's Log

TVA Investment Challenge

**Program
teaches
students
how to
correctly
invest
money**

Story by Holly L. Wise

There was a team of students at Murray State who very well deserved to be recognized for their hard work, diligence and winning abilities. In a manner of speaking, they are Racers, striving to win and advance to the next round. They did not play on courts or in arenas. They did not fill the stands with audiences of thousands. To some, they even went unnoticed.

These diligent students were members of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Investment Challenge.

The idea for the TVA Investment Challenge was born in 1996 when, according to the TVA website, “the TVA board established the Nuclear Decommissioning Trust Fund to meet the financial obligations of decommissioning the corporation’s nuclear units.”

According to the TVA website, “the corporation allocated \$1.9 million to create the TVA Investment Challenge Program as part of the process of diversifying the financial management of the trust fund.”

This all sounded good but how did Murray State get involved?

As part of their program, the TVA invited 25 universities in the Tennessee Valley region to participate in the TVA Investment Challenge.

David Durr, advisor to the Murray State branch of the TVA Investment Challenge, explained: Twenty-five schools were chosen and given \$400,000 per school to manage. The schools could invest in stocks only. There is a yearly comparison between the universities to see who brought the biggest return in one year. There is also a competition to see who won the three-year rolling average.

Murray State proudly brought home the first-place prize for both of these categories in 2004. In exchange for their hard work, they won \$35,000 in prize money.

Durr said MSU had won \$120,000 since becoming a part of the Challenge in 1999.

The prize money that MSU won was sent directly to the University. Durr said he hoped in the

future to use the prize money for finance scholarships.

“To date, TVA has allocated approximately \$400,000 to MSU to manage,” said Durr in a pamphlet in which he discussed the success of the program. “In just six years, the portfolio has more than doubled in value, currently exceeding \$830,000.”

As a student of Durr’s, you would be required to take part in the Challenge. Durr taught a “Portfolio Management” class in which all his students were required to participate in managing TVA’s portfolio.

“They (students) made recommendations and have to convince their classmates and myself what to invest in,” said Durr.

In an interview with the Murray State Campus News website, Durr said, “Students have been most instrumental in developing the portfolio.” He went on to say that his involvement with the

program was more of an overseer.

The students who worked with the TVA Investment Challenge may never have had 5,000 people rise in their honor or had their sweat mopped up by little boys on the sidelines but they deserved to be commended for their diligence in advancing Murray State’s rich history of success. For us, they embody the Racer spirit.

Some of the universities who participated in the TVA Investment Challenge include:

- Austin Peay State University
- Tennessee State University
- University of Kentucky
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Martin
- Vanderbilt University.
- Western Kentucky University

Measures of Success TVA Investment Challenge vs. Major Indices			
One Year Average			
Year	Average Student Results	S&P 500	Difference
2004	16.0%	10.9%	5.1%
2003	29.7%	28.7%	1.0%
2002	-20.4%	-22.1%	1.7%
2001	-7.5%	-11.9%	4.4%
2000	-18.6%	-9.1%	-9.5%
1999	36.1%	21.0%	15.1%

Story by Elaine Kight
Photo by Marshall Welch

Changing the English Language

**New words confuse, confound, change the
English language as we know it**

Imagine this 21st century spelling test:

Googlewhacking
bouncebackability
flyboarding
phishing
trifecta
obesogenic

For some, this may seem like a foreign language, for others, these words are everyday vocabulary. The Macmillian English Dictionary included these words on a list of the most popular new words from 2004. A variety of factors prompting the addition of new words to the English language is not a new phenomenon; in fact Merriam-Webster Online stated “change and variation are as natural in language as they are in other areas of human life.”

This change in language dates back to the beginnings of English itself. Murray State English professor Barbara Cobb said, “English is a language of words acquired from the world’s languages.” Cobb cited several words adapted

from other languages, such as “erotic” from the Greek and “love” from Old High German.

Other changes in the English language came from England’s interactions with other cultures due to occupation and invasion, said Cobb. American English has also been modified by interactions with other cultures.

“Over the history of our own nation, a nation founded on invasion and then immigration, words have immigrated as well,” said Cobb.

Aside from cultural influence, college students have had the biggest influence on the changing nature of the English language, according to Connie Eble of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Documented official study of the introduction of words into the English language dates back to the mid 1850s when B.H. Hall and Lyman Bagg began studying new words creeping into the vocabulary of college students.

When a student at these schools was absent from a lecture, they were said to be “bolting” or “cutting.” If they failed the class entirely, they “flunked.”

New Words Throughout the Decades

1940's

cheeseburger
goofball
snorkel
spaceship
tape recorder

1960's

counterculture
genetic code
macrobiotics
sitcom
trendy

1980's

desktop publishing
emoticon
glass ceiling
in-line skates
virtual reality

1950's

Bermuda shorts
desegregate
junk mail
skydiving
weirdo

1970's

chairperson
diskette
infomercial
space cadet
video game

1990's

bad hair day
buffalo wing
designated driver
personal trainer
scrunchy

21st Century Spelling Test: Defined

-Googlehacking- the practice of trying to find combinations of two or more words that will produce exactly one single result when submitted as a query to the Google™ search engine

-bouncebackability- the ability to be successful again after a period of failure

-flyboarding- the activity of putting 'For Sale' or 'Sold' signs outside properties which are not for sale, as a way of generating publicity for an estate agent

-phishing- the criminal activity of persuading people to give personal information such as passwords and credit card details by directing them to a fake website which has been made to look exactly the same as the website of a legitimate bank or other organization

-trifecta- the situation of having three major achievements in a profession, sport, or other pastime

-obesogenic- likely to cause someone to become excessively fat

Source: <http://www.macmillandictionary.com>

Eble cited additional research by William Gore at the end of the 19th century who asked his University of Michigan students to write down all the words they considered slang. Words they listed included "huckleberry" to describe a sweet person, "grind" to describe someone who studies too much, and "heathen" to describe an unreasonable teacher.

Although English is an ever-changing language, Murray State English professor Marcie Johnson suspects that English is experiencing a growth-spurt due to the increased opportunity to pick up new words than in the past.

"Technology has not only brought us new terms for its inventions and operations (e.g., *podcast*, *blog*, *Facebooking*, *googling*) but also makes it remarkably fast and easy to share new words across cultural and geographic boundaries," Johnson said.

As with fashion and music, language is also affected by pop culture, including songs, newscasts, cartoons, and slang, which "keeps refreshing our speech," according to Johnson, who added that Homer Simpson's "Doh!" is now

included in some dictionaries.

The most asked question of the editors of the Merriam-Webster dictionary concerns the acquisition of new words to the English language. According to the dictionary's website, the editors spend over an hour each day reading through newspapers, magazines, and other print material for new words or new uses for existing words. This process, known as "reading and marking" is the first step in determining whether a word is widespread enough for it's official inclusion in the dictionary. Merriam Webster receives letters everyday petitioning for the addition or removal of words from the dictionary. The addition of new words, however doesn't depend on "personal preferences or popularity-contest-style votes," but on usage. The only hope for words like "spoiler," "egosurfing," and "tmesis" is in the hands—or the mouths—of people like you.

Story by Jessica Ferguson

Preparing for the Future

Students gain experience and learn about their chosen fields from internships

Not every student who steps on to the campus of Murray State knows what they want to do with their lives. For many students, an internship in their field of interest is a good way to see if that career is right for them.

Brittaney Hall, senior from Columbus, OH, spent a summer interning with the University Directories company in her hometown. Her job was to sell advertisements to local businesses in the school directory for the University of Ohio. While working there, Hall quickly learned how to be a good salesperson.

“Our team made a goal to sell \$20,000 in ads each. I ended up selling about 30 percent more than that,” Hall said. “This got me a spot in my region’s top 15 sales representatives as number seven.”

In addition to her sales skills improving, Hall also felt the internship helped her find a job after graduation.

“University Directories is a well-known internship by sales and marketing professionals,” Hall said. “As a result, it makes breaking the ice with potential employers a lot easier than it was before my internship. In one interview the interviewer noticed University Directories on my resume and immediately began talking about how great the internship was. I will be starting my position with that company in June.”

Other students use their internship as a way to combine their majors. Katie Walker, junior from Paris, Tenn., interned at the Carson Four Rivers Performing Arts Center in Paducah.

“This was the perfect place for me to combine music and public relations,” Walker said.

While interning at the Carson Center, Walker assisted with the daily running of the center, including filing and organizing memberships. She also assisted with the Wine Tasting and Auction fundraiser. One of the perks of Walker’s internship was getting to see the Broadway show “Stomp” for free while promoting the wine tasting.

“This internship has helped me to connect with people who are passionate about the same things I am and have made a career out of it, that’s the biggest benefit,” Walker said. “I have a building block for the next internship and this experience may help me go to some of the bigger arts organizations like the

Kennedy Center.”

Other students were able to get a head-start on their careers through their internships. Jessica Zaugg, senior of Graves County, interned at the accounting firm of Lattimore, Black, Morgan & Cain in Brentwood, Tenn. She has many of the same responsibilities as the full-time accountants at the firm.

“I have the same responsibilities as an audit staff level accountant,” Zaugg said. “I work at a different company’s location with other staff and we audit their financial statements. For example, one job I often do is to (balance the) cash. So, I will make sure that the company’s bank statements and the amount of cash they say they have is the same.”

Zaugg feels that it is important for students to have internships.

Said Zaugg: “Interning is like test driving a car. You get to go work for a few months and then you get to decide if you want to keep the job or if you want to try out something else. Just like with a car, I would recommend testing out a field before you dive in.”

As part of her internship, Katie Walker promoted the annual Wine Tasting and Auction for the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center.

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Patricia Lovett speaks to a student about her involvement on campus while attending Murray State.

Patricia Lovett

Story by Caitlin Wardlow

Photo by Marshall Welch

Murray State graduate encourages students to get involved

Being involved in extra-curricular activities in high school looks the most impressive on a college resume. But what do you do once you are in college?

"You stay involved," said Patricia Lovett, student life associate for Murray State University.

"Not only does it help make you a more well-rounded person, it also [causes] you to develop a sense of belonging," Lovett said. "You feel more a part of campus life."

Lovett spoke from experience. As a student at Murray State University, she was involved in more than eight organizations.

A few of those organizations are Alpha Kappa Alpha, summer orientation counselor, Richmond College-commuter representative, Student Dietetics Association, and Student Government Association/Campus Activities Board - special events chair and multicultural awareness chair.

After graduating from Murray State in 2000 with a degree in dietetics, Lovett enrolled in Murray State's master's program and graduated from that in 2003 with a degree in Human Development and Leadership. Lovett then decided she wanted to stay and work at Murray State.

She started off working for the Housing Department. "I was assistant director of Administrative Services," Lovett said. "So as a part of my duties, I was in charge of residence education programs and resident advisor training."

Lovett left the Housing Department because she wanted to get more involved with the students and their activities. She said once one is involved in high school and college, one wants to stay involved, even when it comes to one's profession. Lovett started working in the student life office located on the third floor of the Curris Center in August 2004.

As a student life associate, Lovett coordinates two leadership programs - Emerging Leaders and Leadership Murray State. Lovett is also in charge of the New Member Greek Education programs.

The New Member Greek Education programs were established for those students who were new to the Greek system and had just rushed or joined a Greek organization.

Emerging Leaders was a program that taught students (mostly underclassmen) how to become leaders on a college campus. Leadership Murray State was then used as

a follow-up program. One could not take Leadership Murray State without completing Emerging Leaders previous to it.

Leadership Murray State was a program that shows students how to become better leaders. According to the syllabus for Fall 2005, the program "is designed to help students develop their own leadership potential. It will introduce the dynamics and concepts of leadership and its application. The concepts applied will be taught in the class and followed through in university activities."

Ashley Hailston started these two programs in August of 2003, a year before Lovett took over. Emerging Leaders and Leadership Murray State were mostly for students who are involved in organization on Murray State's campus and wanted to better themselves as leaders in that organization.

While Emerging Leaders focused on how to get involved as a leader on campus, Leadership Murray State focused on how to improve one's leadership in an organization.

The New Member Greek Education programs occur every semester, for those students new to Greek life. In these programs, everything from the dangers of alcohol at parties to becoming involved on campus were discussed. Lovett was in charge of speaking to the group, and obtaining guest speakers to speak to the group, about issues such as risk management and hazing.

Lovett said being a part of a student organization is very important and will change a student as a whole. She said that the students "are more outgoing, confident and seem better prepared to be involved in the campus community [after being involved in different organizations]."

Lovett said she does not want students to become involved in the leadership programs just to have something to put on his or her job resume.

"I want them to use the programs as a resource to learn and obtain better leadership skills," Lovett said.

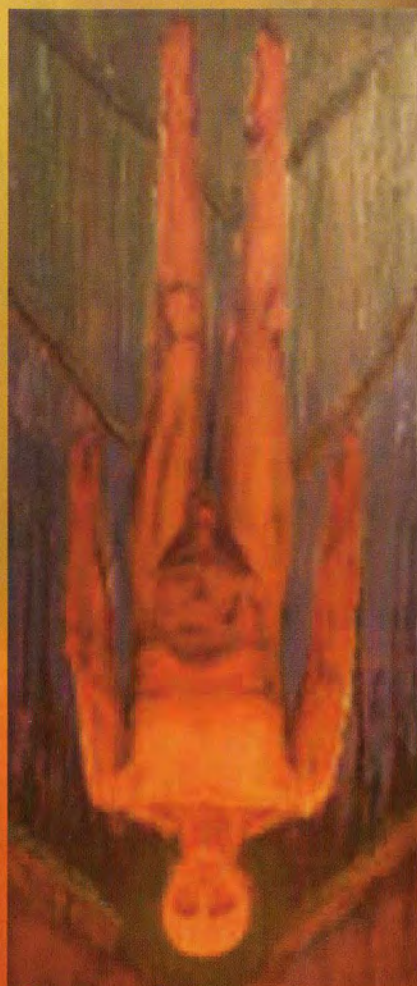
She also wants students "to meet new students from various student organizations. I hope that the program will help them to become better leaders and citizens."

Transcending Spirituality

*Art student teaches MSU
in his first solo art show*



Ascend
36"x 82"
oil and sand on panel
2006



Descend
36" x 82"
oil and sand on panel
2006

The Passage
28"x 48"
oil on panel
2006

A small, old, paint-stained room in Lovett Auditorium was where Jeff Stanley, senior from Mayfield, prepared for his art show. While the space, which he shared with another student, was not much to speak of, Stanley's art permeated the room with its message of spiritual transcendence from our current human condition. The colors and imagery hit you at once and stayed with you long after you left.

Stanley, 24 years old, worked on these 12 paintings for a year and a half in preparation for his first solo art show on March 1, 2006.

While Stanley's previous work had been similar in theme, it was not the same. His other pieces were more abstract and based on his personal experience, Stanley said, but this work is more figurative.

Sarah Gutwirth, associate professor of art, said that Stanley's work was different from the other shows this semester.

"Jeff's work is the most overtly spiritual and his color is very like stained glass and has a sense of light emanating from within," Gutwirth said.

With this work he tried to let others experience something they are not often able to experience, Stanley said. His work communicated the message of every person's experience and connected every person to each other, he said.

"Jeff has a different vision of how painting can speak to other people," said Dick Dougherty, art department chair.

Stanley was excited about being able to finally share this message with others in his art show, he said.

"It is coming to a realization of what your work is and that others will be able to see it," Stanley said.

Art, however, was not on Stanley's mind when he came to Murray State. He was a drafting and design major but he liked his drawing classes so much that he chose to pursue that road instead.

Stanley decided after his third semester of painting classes that painting was the best medium to get his message across.

"Painting is the language that best communicates the ideas I have and is the best way for me to articulate these things," Stanley said.

Yet, this was not Stanley's first chance to show his art. He was in nine other group exhibitions through advanced classes and student exhibitions and community showings, Stanley said.

While he is no novice, Stanley said he still has not shown as many pieces as he would like and has never sold a piece of his art.

That did not bother him though, Stanley said. He planned to travel once he graduated and get a graduate degree in video art while building his painting portfolio.

"My dream would be to become a professional artist and show my work in galleries," he said. He also thought about working in a gallery or writing essays about art.

As Stanley approached this dream, he thought about what his time at MSU taught him.

Said Stanley: "I have learned that there is a potential that I have and everyone has it. This [MSU art] program gives you the outlet to grow and express those ideas."

story by Bianca McNees
original art by Jeff Stanley



SPORTS

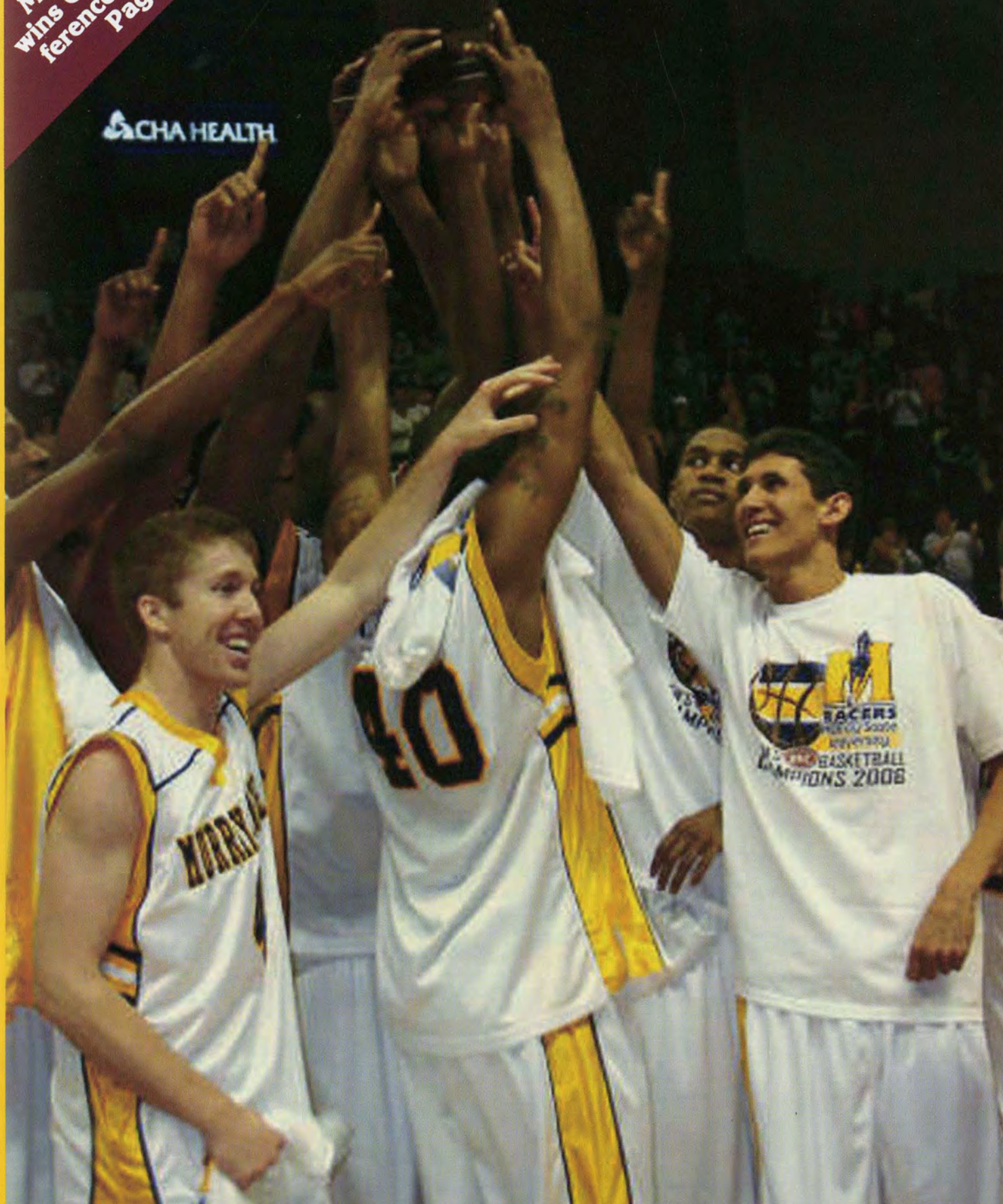
Running, throwing a javelin, shooting a basket, swinging a club, racing a horse, punting a football, spiking over the net or kicking a goal...whatever sport suited their fancy, Murray State provided fans with entertainment and excitement throughout the 2005-2006 academic year.

Thousands of fans and spectators came out to watch their favorite athletes compete in the Murray State athletics program. No matter what stadium or field they gathered at, Murray State fans could be spotted wearing the university colors of blue and gold and cheering the teams along.

The 2005-2006 year brought many changes, disappointments and triumphs for Murray State athletics, reminding us all that one never knows what the upcoming athletic season will bring but truly devoted fans are there to fill the seats and support their Alma Mater.

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MAC
BAGGERS
MAC BASKETBALL
CHAMPIONS 2008

Trying to get the Racers the first possession of the game, Pearson Griffith, senior from St. Thomas, Barbados, jumps at the tip off. Murray State fought to the end, losing by only four points.



“We really knew that we had something special this year..”

MEN'S BASKETBALL WINS ITS 23rd CHAMPIONSHIP

LORDS OF THE RINGS

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

Murray State men's basketball completed its run for a sweep of the OVC regular season and tournament championships in the 2005 – 2006 season. The Racers hadn't accomplished that feat since the 1998-1999 season.

"We really knew that we had something special this year," junior Shawn Witherspoon from Ovieado, Fla. said. "Since we had everyone back from last year, we knew that we would go all the way."

The Racers have been the most dominant force in any Ohio Valley Conference sport for the past 25 years.

"History hangs from the rafters," Head Coach Mick Cronin said. "To know what Racer basketball is all about, all you have to do is look up."

The Racers made their 13th appearance in the NCAA tournament. They had to face a

young but tough North Carolina Tar Heel squad in the first round of the tournament held in Dayton, Ohio. The Racers held their own with the Tar Heels even after team leader Shawn Witherspoon went down with a broken foot at the 12 minute mark in the first half. The Racers only lost by four, but made their presence known as a future power to be reckoned with.

"We came and played our game," Senior Pearson Griffith from Barbados said. "They couldn't handle our defense, but with Spoon (Witherspoon) out we stepped up as a team."

Coach Cronin left for his alma mater the University of Cincinnati and Billy Kennedy was named as the 14th head coach of the Racer Athletics flagship.

RACER TENNIS TEAM FIGHTS TO IMPROVE

FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAME

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

Not so long ago, Murray State tennis was the powerhouse of a generation. They won every single conference championship for an entire decade. The dominance is not so today as the tennis team finished in last place a year ago.

“We have a lot of room to improve,” Head Coach Mel Purcell, beginning his 10th season said. “Finishing eighth put a bad taste in everyone’s mouth. The guys are working hard, I don’t have to stay on them, they want to do the extra things it takes to get better.”

The Racers opened their 2006 season Terre Haute, Ind., facing Indiana State University. The squad is young, but returns five of last year’s six starters. The roster consisted of just one senior, four juniors, three sophomores and one freshman.

Included in those returning players is Fadi Zamjaoui from Casablanca, Morocco. Zamjaouione is one of the best players in the Ohio Valley Conference. He earned second team all-conference honors and finished his first season at MSU as the runner-up in the voting for the league’s player of the year award.

“He (Fadi) is a very fast and he has a good mental approach to the game.” Bennie Purcell, MSU Hall of Fame coach said.

The strengths of the Racer team was its desire and heart, and its number one and two singles players. The Racers improved a great deal over last season, and the future was bright.

“We worked hard and the improvement was evident in our game,” Mikel Headford, freshman from LaGrange, said. “Work in the off season definitely paid off for us.”

Murray State’s women’s tennis team did not base their season on goals of championships or wins or losses. Their only goal was to be a unified team with all players working as one.

“Their goal from the first day of classes in the fall was to become a unified team, working together and relying on one another to achieve success,” said Murray State Head Coach Connie Keasling. “They have reached that goal. They have a great time together and are enjoying being a team.”

The Racers hoped that last years success would follow into this years as they opened their 2006 season on Feb. 12 hosting the University of Memphis at the Kentucky Lake State Resort Park indoor facility.

The 2006 squad had to replace departed seniors Jaclyn Leeper and Jennifer Ward. Leeper finished her career with 88 singles victories, fifth all-time in MSU history. Ward’s 75 career singles wins ranks 13th all-time. They also finished their collegiate careers ranked among the school’s top-15 in doubles victories.



Cassady Pruitt, junior from Merrillville, Ind., had a 20-10 doubles mark during the season, giving her a 66-30 career doubles record. This ranks her in the top 25 on the all-time doubles wins list at Murray State. She had a 9-1 doubles record in the spring against OVC opponents.

“We worked hard and the improvement was evident in our game...”



Racer One

Story by **Casey Crosser**

Photos by **Elaine Kight**

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and he
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thing.”

The Murray State University football stadium, home of the Racers, is also the playground for their mascot, Racer One.

Racer One, a 26-year-old Arabian gelding, has led a full life. According to his owner, Jennifer Miller, 21, of Edwardsville, Illinois, Racer One has been active in multiple Arabian English Pleasure shows and sporting events like cutting cattle. Racer One was in the top 10 in the United States Arabian English Pleasure Division.

Miller, a junior pre-vet and equine science major, said Racer One was a gift to her from her parents on her eighth birthday. He was 14 when he was given to her.

“They (her parents) thought it would turn me off scooping poop and stuff,” Miller said, but in fact, it had the opposite affect. From that point on, she was hooked.

At the beginning of the 2005/2006 school year, Miller said she contacted the Athletic Department and told them she and her horse were available to fill the Racer One vacancy.

Miller did not know she had the job until the day before the Racer’s first home game.

"The Athletic Department called me the day before the first game. I went home the morning of the game, got him (Racer One) and galloped around the track," Miller said. They have had the job ever since.

On -game days, Racer One led a life like any other horse. He was stabled at the Murray State University Barn where Miller visited him every day. Miller said she rode him about three times a day "to keep him in shape and just for fun."

On game days, Racer One was bathed, got a fresh shave and glitter in his tail. Miller trailered him from the University Barn to the football stadium about an hour before the games started.

There was a boxed stall where he and Miller waited until the Racers made a touchdown. During the wait time, Miller said Racer One indulged in chips and candy corn.

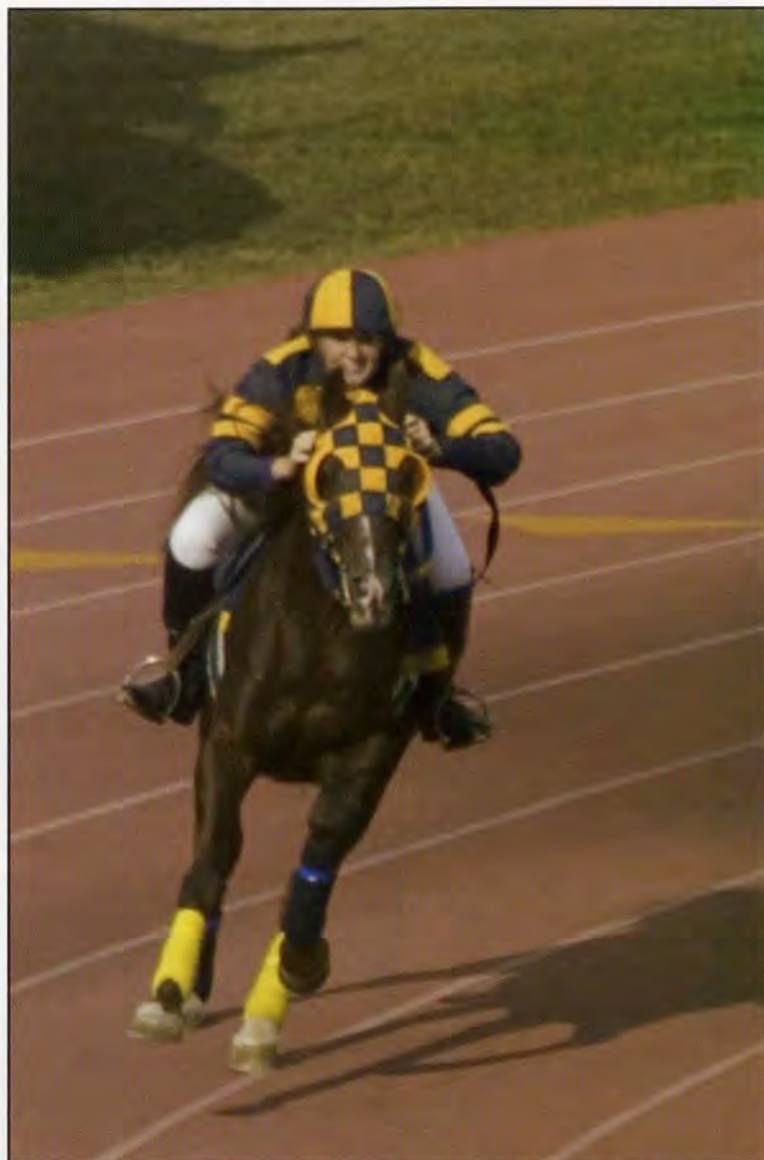
Miller said she had a hard time paying attention to the game because from her viewpoint it was difficult to see the game.

She said her dad helped her keep up with the game but Racer One was the one to let her know it was time to go. According to Miller, whenever Racer One hears the song, "The Old Gray Mare" played by the marching band after a touchdown, he was ready to gallop.

Miller said Racer One loved the track. His years in the show business have taught him the crowd is nothing to fear. According to Miller, he got more excited when he heard everyone clapping and cheering.

"He thinks he's the fastest horse out there because no one's behind him. I don't touch him. I put the reins up and he does his thing," Miller said.

As a result of riding Racer One, Miller said she had to miss a couple of her equestrian team shows but she said it was worth it.



After a Racer touchdown, Racer One makes his way around the track. The '05-'06 school year was Miller's first time as the Racer One jockey.

"He (Racer One) gets depressed when he doesn't get to go. He wants to," Miller said.

The tradition of Racer One started in 1976 when Violet Cactus started the tradition by circling the football track before each home game and after each Racer touch-down. Violet was donated to the University by Dr. N.B Pavalotos and served eight years as the Racer mascot.

After her death in May 1984, Violet was followed by a gray mare named Nancy Duster who served the 1984 season before she retired to motherhood.

Following Nancy, Racer One became the mascot and proudly has

SACKED... RACER FOOTBALL FINDS NO GRID IRON GLORY IN 2005

Story by Casey Crosser

Photography by Marshall Welch

The 2005-2006 Racer football team began the season with high hopes, new spirit, new faces and a desire to return to the top of the OVC. The addition of several key players would help fill the holes of the nineteen seniors that departed last season. One big hole was at quarterback where Ken Topps, junior from Shannon, Miss., came in with high expectations. Unfortunately, Topps had an injury early in the season that continued to hinder him and kept him sidelined for much of the season. Backup quarterback Ryne Salyer, sophomore from Ashland, took the reins and lead the Racers to a 1 and 9 record.

"The season was make or break from the beginning. Coach Pannunzio knew that his future here at Murray was on the line," Hunter Reagan, freshman from Murray said.

The Racers began the season on September

3rd against a very strong South Eastern Conference member, Mississippi State. The Racers held their own as they trailed 14 to 6 going into the half. But a relentless defensive effort by Mississippi State in the second half the Racers did not scare and Mississippi State won the game 38-6.

The Racers faired much better when they met a surging Indiana State squad for Family Weekend on September 17 at Stewart Stadium. Indiana State made things look all too familiar to Racer fans as Indiana State took a 13 point lead early in the first quarter. But the Racers rallied and won their first game of the season 27 to 15.

"We had to come and prove that we could run the ball, and that is what we did," Nick Turner, junior running back from Atlanta, Ga. said.

The Racers' fortune took a turn for the worse as they traveled to Normal, Ill. to play Illinois State.

Racer football players Johnathan Harper, from Lakeland, Flor., and Matt Garret, junior from Dundee, Miss., prepare for a play during the 2005-2006 season.



Despite a good offensive effort they could not find the end zone, losing 42 to 0.

“We just couldn’t seem to get it in and find a score.” Jeff Menage, offensive coordinator for the Racers said.

The losing continued for seven more games. Some were close and others were just blowouts. The Racers could not seem to get any positives working for them.

Finally the elusive win came against Austin Peay State University in the next to the last game of the season. The Racers put together an offense that had not been seen all year scoring 42 points en route to a 42-6 victory.

The last hurdle for the season was the University of Tennessee at Martin. The Racers had not lost to UTM in 13 years, but this year was not the year for the Racers. They lost 49 to 20 in a game that would eventually become of great importance to the Racer Nation.

At the conclusion of the season, six year Head Coach Joe Pannunzio’s contract was not renewed.

On December 12, 2005, former UTM coach and Tennessee college coach of the year Matt Griffin was named as the new head coach of the Racer football program.

“I’m thrilled to become part of the Murray State family,” Griffin said. “MSU has such a rich tradition in football, it’s going to be fun to be a part of that.”



Charlie Jordan, freshman from Memphis, runs the ball down the field. The Racers were 4 and 8 for the season.

Racer fans support their team at Roy Stewart Stadium. The Racers played 5 home games this season.

New Athletic Director **The Changing of the Guard**

Story by Casey Crosser

Photography by Kate
O'Holleran

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On March second, Allen Ward was introduced as Murray State's new Director of Athletics. Ward, 38 came from the University of North Texas where he served over 14 years, including the last six years as Senior Associate Athletics Director.

Mr. Ward was very clear that his passion and devotion for intercollegiate athletics would help steer Murray State athletics into a new and broader horizon.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather do than help our student-athletes earn their degrees and win championships at the same time," Ward said. "My family and I are very excited to become part of the Murray State family."

Every successful collegiate athletics program is under scrutiny as well as its student-athletes. Murray State had its fair share this last year.

"The well-being of our student-athletes is my number one concern, they are what makes Murray State athletics successful," Ward said.

With Allen Ward leading the way, the necessary resources needed to create an environment in which MSU student-athletes were able to achieve at the highest level was provided.

“Ward will make the Racer Athletics program into a well-balanced program that is as successful in the classroom as it is on the court,” Tim Haworth, former basketball player said.

“I love to win, but there is a right way and a wrong way to go about it,” Ward said. “We are a proud program with a rich history. We will continue to win championships while at the same time prepare our student-athletes to excel long after they have played their last game for Murray State.”

“Having someone in here that cares about us as people is something we have been needing,” Freshman soccer player Krista Llewellyn said.

“I expect to be a leader in the OVC in everything we do. I expect to win championships and advance to compete on a national level. I fully intend to put the pieces in place that allow MSU athletics to lead the way in academic achievement. Our student-athletes will be recognized for their citizenship and character.” Ward said.

After Ward took his position, there were significant advances towards facilities being improved, budgets enhanced, and critical staff was added.

The future of Racerdom looked very bright and promising as the Alan Ward era took the reins and sped off into a meteoric rise.

In the Spotlight...

All About Mick and Joe

Michael Cronin

Education:

Bachelor's degree, history
University of Cincinnati, 1997

Quick Facts:

Asst Coach / Recruiting Coordinator,
Uni. of Cincinnati;
Men's Basketball Video
Coordinator, Uni. of Cincinnati;
Asst. Varsity Coach / Head JV
Coach, Woodward High School,
Cincinnati; Head Coach, Magic
Johnson Roundball Classic East
Team.
Louisville, Former Assistant Coach

Joe Pannunzio

Education:

Bachelor's Degree, Phys. Education
South Colorado, 1982

Quick Facts:

Pannunzio is Murray State's 15th
Football Coach, replacing Denver
Johnson in 2000.
Pannunzio was an assistant at
Mississippi and Auburn under
Tommy Tuberville from 1994-1999.
Under Pannunzio, the Racers ranked
first in the OVC in pass defense and
second in total defense and sacks.

“We just have to keep at it, working hard everyday..”



Rebekah Clay, freshman from Bloomington, Ill., defends the ball as a Samford opponent tries to steal it. The Racers spent several long hours practicing to get in shape for the season.

Laura Oppegard, senior from Lexington, dribbles the ball down the field. The Lady Racers hosted 11 home games in the 2005 season.



Melissa Curry, sophomore from Paducah, runs past a Samford defender. The Lady Racers finished the season with an 8-10-3 record.



story by Casey Crosser

photography courtesy of MSU Athletics

MURRAY STATE WOMEN'S SOCCER EXPERIENCES A REWARDING SEASON

THINKING OUTSIDE THE PENALTY BOX

The Murray State women's soccer team took the 2005-2006 season down to the kick as they ended the season in double overtime.

The beginning of the season began with eight losses in the first ten games for the young squad. One close loss (1-0) was to the University of Louisville.

"We just have to keep at it, working hard everyday," head coach Mike Minielli said.

When the team began conference play, it was as though there was a completely different team playing. They won seven out of eleven and found themselves in the position to be able to play in the conference championship.

"We just wanted to compete everyday and be in the right place at the right time when conference play started," Lisa Pfeiffer, senior from Lexington, said.

The Murray State soccer team fell short of its first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Championship final by losing to the Samford Bulldogs after battling to a 0-0 tie after regulation play and two 10-minute overtimes. Officially, the score remains 0-0 in the books, but Samford won the game in the shootout 4 to 3.

The soccer team finished the season with a 7-2-1 mark over the ten games before the loss.

"We have a very good team and the majority of the team is juniors and sophomores," Laura Opegard, junior from Lexington, said. "We should have a great team next year."

JAMES SINGLETON

FROM BUS BOY TO BUS MAN

story by Casey Crosser

photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

Murray State added another member to the illustrious professional sporting ranks this past year, as former Racer basketball standout James Singleton signed a three year contract with the Los Angeles Clippers.

"I knew James would make it because he always had the desire, and always wanted the fanciest car," said Cheryl Whitaker the MSU basketball secretary.

Singleton spent his time working out after he finished his career at Murray State, and earned himself a living by bussing tables at Cracker Barrel.

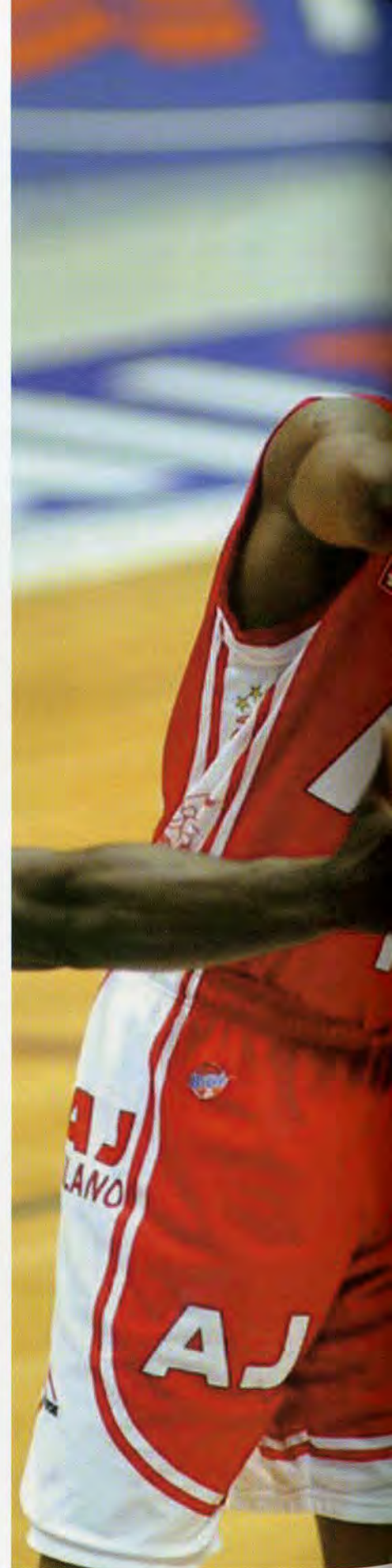
"I knew James was special when I first met him, because he wanted to work out through our team individuals," said Racer Head Coach Mick Cronin. "He not only did our conditioning workouts, he did all of the individual workouts too."

Singleton played at Murray State for two years after beginning his career at a junior college in Mississippi. Originally from Chicago, Ill., James helped lead the

Racers to the 2002 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Championship. James found early success overseas in the professional basketball leagues in Europe.

"I am thankful for my time at Murray State, as it helped me to focus on my real goal of playing professionally," Singleton said. "I will always try to make Murray proud."

Singleton had a very good beginning to his rookie NBA season as he was ranked 6th in free throw percentage, 7th in offensive rebounds and 10th in total rebounds per game.





“I knew James would make it because he always had the **desire...**”

Murray Sports Elite...

NFL / NBA Picks from Murray State NFL Drafts:

Mike Cherry

Giants (1997)

Jimmy St. Louis

Titans (2005)

Marcus White

Titans (2005)

Laroni Gallishaw

Vikings (2005)

Reginald Swinton

Cardinals (2005)

NBA Picks:

Popeye Jones

James Singleton

Marcus Brown

Aubrey Reese

YOUNG VOLLEYBALL TEAM FINDS SUCCESS ON THE COURT

VOLLEYBALL DIGS ITS WAY INTO OVC FINALS

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The Murray State volleyball team was a very young but impressive squad over the 2005-2006 season. At one point they led the nation in team defense and for most of the season led the nation on digs.

"I just try and go with my intuition and experience," Heather Norris, freshman from Naperville, Ill. said.

Norris had 37 digs against the Eastern Illinois Panthers in one game.

The young squad had to find its identity as it began the season with only two wins in its first 11 matches. Both wins came at the Helping Hands Tournament when Murray State agreed to host a tournament that was rained out due to Hurricane Katrina.

"We were supposed to open our season in Mobile, Ala., at the University of Southern Alabama, but Katrina has forced us to stay home," head coach David Schwepker said.

The volleyball team battled to a 7-16 mark heading into a do-or-die game against the Lady Governors of Austin Peay State University but were unable to pick up win. The Lady Govs. won 3-2.

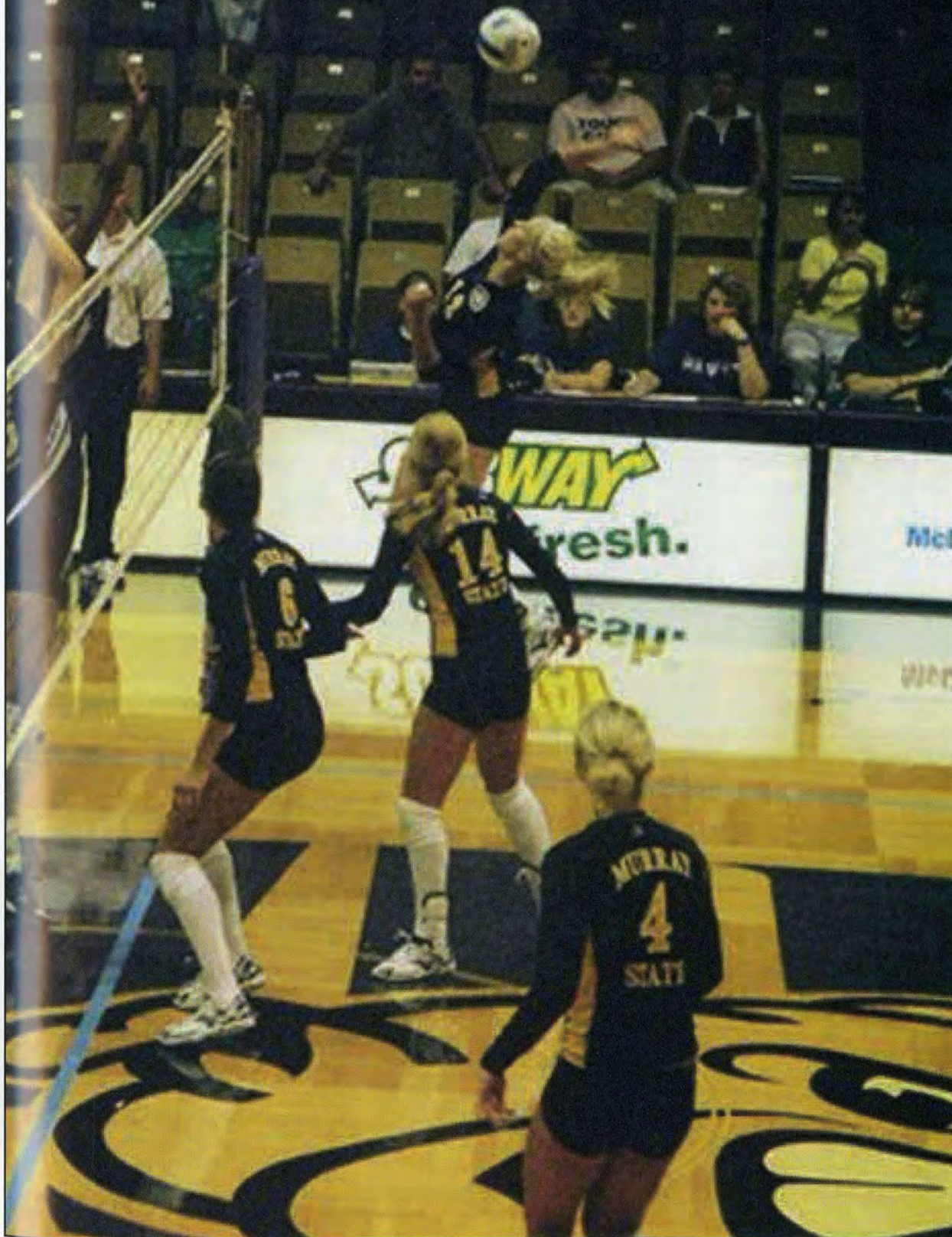
"We knew we would have to be at our best and bring our 'A game' tonight or we wouldn't beat them at home," Alison Mugler, freshman from Maumee, Ohio said.

The Lady Racers volleyball team did not lose anyone to graduation so the 2007-2008 team should be a veritable joy to watch.

Kelsey Hubert, freshman from Freeburg, Ill., makes a pass while teammates look on during one of the team's 23 season games.



The Lady Racers set up a play during a home game. The volleyball team ended the season with a record of 7-16.



“We knew we would have to be at our best and bring our ‘A game’ tonight...”

Fighting the Tennessee State defense, Paige Guffey, freshman from Albany, Ky., releases a shot. The Lady Racers beat Tennessee Tech at both meetings they had this season.



“We had a basketball court in our backyard and it was what I loved to do...”

PLAYER PROFILES: MEET "THE TWINS"

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The Guffey twins, Amber and Paige, were born July 1, 1986, in Albany, Ky. Having an older brother and a basketball coach for a dad, these two went on to break and set numerous records in the state of Kentucky and even make some impressive showings on the national scene. Out of high school, Amber and Paige were all set to attend and play at Morehead University, but a last minute change in coaches found Kentucky's most powerful basketball duo in limbo as to their basketball future. That's when the phone rang and Murray State Lady Racers assistant coach Rob Cross made a great decision and brought the girls onto the Lady Racers team. The rest will be Lady Racer, OVC and probably NCAA history.

The twins sat down for a one-on-two meeting with me after a long practice at the RSEC. I found the two sprawled out on the couches in Regents lobby fighting over ESPN or Cartoon Network..

Shield: So, Why Basketball?

Amber (A): We had a basketball court in the back yard and it was what I loved to do.

Paige (P): My dad--he was a basketball coach.

Shield: Who's better?

(Giggles all around)

A: I don't know.

P: She's better...she's a better shooter

Shield: What so far has been your favorite basketball experience?

Both: Going to State!

A: All A State the last two minutes.

Shield: Why Murray State?

A: Morehead fired their coach.

P: Murray would take us both and it had a very nice campus and we thought it was good.

Shield: Ever fought over a boyfriend?

Both: NO!!

(Laughs)

Shield: What's your favorite movie?

Both: Hoosiers!!!

Shield: How have your family ties been since you've moved to college?

P: Our parents moved here.

A: We are all real close--parents and grandparents.

Shield: Who is your favorite athlete?

A: John Stockton

P: Kobe, LeBron James

Shield: That's interesting that you have different inspirations...

Both: Pat Head Summit! (looking at each other)

Shield: What's after college?

A: I don't know.

P: Coach college hopefully.

Shield: Does it ever bother you that people can't tel which of you is which?

A: No, I am used to it

Shield: Doesn't it bother you to lose your individuality? You share a room, car, stuff. You are known here as just the "twins".

P: Yeah, sometimes that is difficult, but we've been there before.

Shield: I heard from your teammates that the two of you can really argue with each other. What's it like in a twin fight?

(Laughs)

P: Well,
When she makes
me

A: Well,...

P: She hits
me!!!

A: But who
wins???

P: You
pinch!!!

Amber Guffey, freshman guard, lays up the ball against Tennessee State. Though only freshmen, the Guffey sisters were instrumental players for the Lady Racers.



SUCCESSFUL TEAM AIMS HIGH FOR THE SEASON

RACER RIFLE BACK ON TARGET

Story by Casey Crosser Photo Courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The Murray State rifle team qualified for the NCAA Championships for the 27th time in its 28-year history, the most of any school in the nation. Last year was the only year the rifle squad failed to make it.

"We just had to stay focused this season and no what our aim was, no pun intended!" Ann Proctor, Head coach said.

Murray State along with Alaska-Fairbanks, Army, Kentucky, Mississippi, Navy and Nebraska were the teams that qualified for the Championships in both smallbore and air rifle.

Murray State has a very proud rifle tradition. They have NCAA titles in rifle from 1985 and 1987. They also won the first-ever intercollegiate competition in 1978.

"I came here because of the great tradition and the great education," Kevin Witbrodt,

Freshman of the Year award winner, said.

The Murray State rifle team took second place at the O'Reilly's Ohio Valley Conference Championships behind Jacksonville State. Several members of the rifle team brought home awards. Kevin Witbrodt was named OVC Freshman of the Year, Bryant Wallizer was OVC Newcomer of the Year in smallbore and earned a spot on the All-Newcomer Team for air rifle, Cameron Hicks was named to the All-OVC Smallbore First Team, joining, Alex Culbertson was named to the All-OVC Air Rifle First Team, Wallizer and Dan Belluzzo were named to the All-OVC Smallbore Second Team.

"We have a long way to go, but I expect that we have that special touch to go far in the post season, and carry over to next season," Proctor said.

A member of the Murray State rifle team practices during the team's regular season.



“...I expect that we have that special touch to go far in the post season, and carry over to next season...”

ONE STEP AT A TIME

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The financial downfall of athletics at the post secondary level of education in Kentucky found the Murray State Cross Country and Track teams having to hurdle through a lot of adversity this year according to Athletic Director Alan Ward.

The teams have lost a lot of funding, especially the men's team, they lost their scholarships, Ward said.

"I don't know if I can continue to go to school if they take our (women's team) funding away," Magen Rainville, senior from Louisville said. "The other sports don't seem to have the money problems that we do, but cost more to have."

Ward said through the creative use of financial aid, the athletes that were affected the most were able to continue to compete for the university and they were still allowed to use all of the resources that are utilized by the other university teams.

"Our biggest obstacle is fundraising and outside revenue," Ward said.

The money specifically raised for track was earmarked for them.

"The good thing is that it (Track and Field) covers six sports, which is a large percentage of our student-athletes," Ward said. "Most people see that Track and Field sports are token sports, but we don't, and we found a new coaching staff to help in all sports"

The athletic department spent a great deal of time looking for a new coach who could help in all aspects of track and field.

Ward said the track and field teams benefited from the efforts of the new

coaching staff because they were fundamentally sound in all the sports involved.

"We never really had a coach, and I came here just for track," Emily Rader, junior from Liberty said. "The teams organized our own practices and did a lot of our own meets; it was really hard to get motivated."

Rader said the track team was a positive representative of the university, and those who participated in track chose to do it and make the most of it. Because the track team competes more than any other sport, it is more visible at other universities.

"We compete hard just like the other schools, and at the large meets you see all the money the big schools have in their programs and sometimes get jealous," Rader said. "But, I didn't quit because of money or coaching situations, it was just time to move on."

Dominique Robinson, sophomore from Huntsville, Ala., broke the Murray State school record with a toss of 45 feet, 10.75 inches. She was named Female Ohio Valley Conference Outdoor Track & Field Athlete of the Week for the week of May 2.





Practicing jumping hurdles, Jessica Nauta, freshman from Purcellville, Va., builds up her endurance. Nauta placed seventh in the 400-meter run at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship, with a time of 1:06.08. Maggie McKay, Alicia Tempel and Olivia Joseph also placed in the top-ten in their respective events.

“Most people see that Track and Field sports are token sports, but we don’t...”

LADY RACERS FIND SUCCESS ON THE COURT

BRINGING IT ON

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The 2005-2006 Lady Racer Basketball season was not one that will stand out for its record, but for many Lady Racer fans it will be one that will be remembered for quite some time.

The Lady Racers overcame an exodus from last seasons team, that had left them weak and shallow on the bench. From the opening tip of the new season, it was clear that this Lady Racer squad would not live up to its pre-season hype as many faces on the starting line up were unexpected.

It didn't take long for everyone to see that this was not the same ole' Lady Racers. With the presence of a frenzied fury, these Lady Racers were going to push every opponent to the wire.

"This season was one of high expectations," Lady Racer assistant coach Rob Cross said. "Our girls proved they were contenders all season long."

The Lady Racers began the season with a meteoric rise letting their defense and three point shooting propel them.

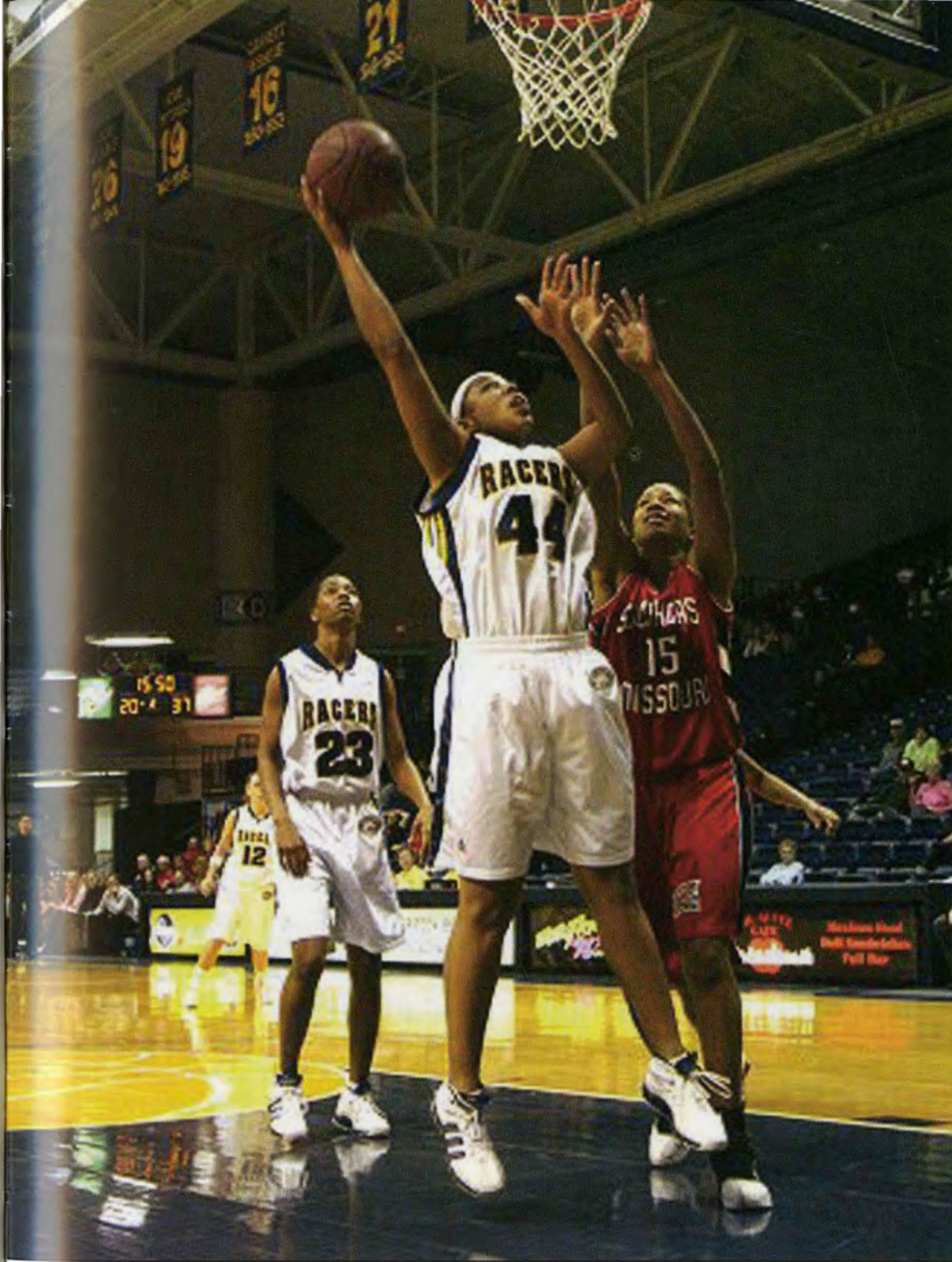
"Picking up our defense was our main goal for the season," Cross said. "We wanted to up the pressure on our opponents and try and create more turnovers."

Turnovers indeed played a large part in the success early on. But, so did the uncanny shooting ability of Ashley Hayes from Kokomo, Ind. Hayes for most of the season, lead the nation in 3 point shooting percentage.

Once conference play began, the Lady Racers began struggling to find the ferocious intensity that lead to success early on.

The Lady Racers finished the season in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament, as they lost to eventual champion Eastern Kentucky.

"This season had its ups and downs, but I really enjoyed the girls and (I) will miss them," senior Jessie Hirsch said.



Erica Gordian, junior center from Elkton, Ky., attempts to score for Murray State against Southeast Missouri. Gordian had eight rebounds for the night.

“This season was one of high expectations...”

ON PAR FOR THE COURSE

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

Murray State golf was in the national spotlight this year as a former Murray State women's golfer was selected to appear on "The Apprentice 4," a reality-based program shown on NBC. Jennifer Langford Wallen, was a member of the very first Lady Racer golf team in 1993-94 and golfed for three seasons at MSU. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in public relations and political science from Murray State in 1996 and opened her own real estate company called "Hot Realty" in Arizona.

Murray State's golf teams both faired well in the 2005-2006 school year. The men's team found themselves in familiar greens as they shot a season low in the OVC tournament to move from third to second place to

round out the season. Michael Craft blazed the course in the final round with a 66, the best score by any golfer in a single round in the tournament. Craft tied for second in the 69-golfer tourney with a 73-75-66 = 214.

"We had a really good shot this year," senior Will Cox said.

Murray State women's golf had a very good year also as they finished third in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"I am so glad that I came to Murray to play my collegiate career," senior Ashley Kelbough said. "The team was a family to me since I am so far away from home."

Christi Baron, junior of Louisville, practices her swing at Miller Memorial Golf Course. Baron was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference second team, along with Julie Bennett, senior from Paris, Tenn.





Will Cox, senior from Paducah, follows through on an iron shot. In the OVC tournament, Cox scored nine birdies in the first 36 holes, but fell short of the championship title by 12 strokes.

“We had a really good shot this year..”

WOMEN'S ROWING TEAM SOARS PAST THE COMPETITION

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

story by Casey Crosser photography courtesy of Murray State Athletic Department

The Murray State women's rowing team began their seventh season of competition in the 2005 – 2006 season. The first race of the season was against the University of Louisville Cardinals. Not only did the team have to face a tough squad from Louisville, they also had to endure very hot weather conditions on Kentucky Lake.

"We had perfect rowing conditions as far as having smooth water, but it was very hot today and we really had to keep the kids hydrated," Bill McLean, head coach said. "This was the first time we raced Louisville in fours. We learned a lot about what we have to do to reach the level they are at. We are as good as Louisville in technique, but they are more fit than we are."

The Racer rowing squad continued the season earning a third-place finish in the

women's varsity fours at the Head of the Licking in Wilder, Ky. The Racers finished just 38.88 seconds behind the winners of the race, the University of Louisville "A" boat. Freshman Andria Kroner took home the gold medal in the women's single race. Kroner, from Batavia, Ohio, finished the 3.1 mile race in a time of 24:57.06, 17 seconds ahead of the second place rower.

"We ran a very strong race, we were consistent today, we kept our heads in the boat and worked well together," Tracy Bogard, junior from Brentwood, Tenn said. "There are certain things we need to tweak but we're looking good for the Head of the Chattahoochee."



The rowing team makes one of two semifinal appearances at the Dad Vail Regatta, held in Philadelphia, Pa. The varsity-four team and novice-four squad both advanced to semifinals. The Dad Vail Regatta is the largest collegiate regatta in the United States, with over 100 participating colleges and universities.

“We ran a strong race, we were consistent today, we kept our heads in the boat and worked well together...”



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Letter from the Editor

This year's *Shield* was an effort to build on the progress made through last year's book. In the fall of 2005, the staff put their heads together to decide how we would make this book our own. We had already experienced great changes within the *Shield* over the last two years and wanted to continue to make progressive change. In our second year with Taylor Publishing Company, we were already enjoying new office equipment and programs. But 2005-2006 found the *Shield* yearbook in its new home, the office suite next to Copy Express in the Business Building. With all that space we hardly knew what to do with ourselves. It was as if the *Shield* had undergone a

complete transformation, and we decided to name this year's book, appropriately, *reDefined*.

The *Shield* took on a different style of its own, literally. The staff members decided to step away from traditional yearbook design and make our first attempt at magazine journalism. I believe we made great progress.

I would like to thank everyone who has had a hand in piecing together the parts of this book. From section editors to designers, from copy editors to staff writers, you have all played a valuable part in making the *Shield* what it is. We truly would not be here without you. I wish there were time and space to thank each of you individually, but you already know how much I have appreciated your hard work.

To Dr. Landini and last year's editor Amanda Birkner (who worked so hard to give us what we now have), thank you for giving me this position and the opportunity to grow as a leader.

Lastly, thank you to my friends and my loving family, who have all helped me and supported me through this process. For all your love, support and words of encouragement I am forever indebted. Thank you!

Charissa Acree

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*"I can do everything through
Christ who strengthens me."*

~Philippians 4:13

*Trust in Him and you will always
succeed.*

*Love,
Mom, Dad & Nick*

Kimberly Hammonds



*Kimberly- Congratulations on your outstanding
accomplishments! We're so proud of you!*

Celebrate life!

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Justin & Robert*

Grace Eve Korte



Congratulations!

Lindsey Rogers

*Congratulations Lindsey, '06
Grad!*

*You might be the 05-06 Phi Mu
Sweetheart but you've always been
ours.*

*Love,
Dad, Mom & Jack*

Andrew Latimer

We are so proud of all you have accomplished! Keep following your dreams. Always remember Philippians 4:13.

Mom & Dad

Brian M. Jones



And the Little Red Engine said "I can, I can" and you did! We are so proud of you.

Nicole Wadkins



God knows His plans to give you a future and a hope. Follow Him.

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Tia, Allison*

Willie C. Simpson



Son, what is your purpose for life? To obtain wealth, knowledge, materialistic things, friends in high places, or to serve?

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Rachael Alberter

*Rachael,
Congratulations on everything you have
accomplished, the goals you have achieved. You
have a bright future full of happiness and dreams
coming true. We are so proud!*

*Love,
Mom & Dad*

Matthew Whitaker



*Wonderful son, awesome brother, good friend and
example to others, and now college graduate.
We're so proud of you! (Jeremiah 29:11)*

Mom, Dad, Alecia & Bobbie Jo

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*The precious moments we share with you are ours
to keep. Follow your dreams. We are proud and
love you.*

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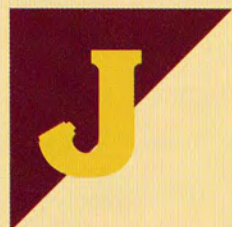
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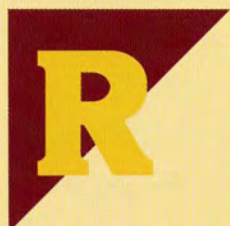
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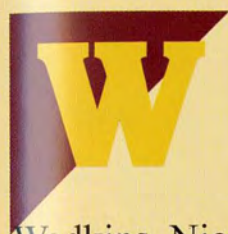
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The 2005-2006 school year was a reDefining year on a national and local level. As the year began with the devastating events of Hurricane Katrina, Murray's community found itself giving aid to victims of one of the worst natural disasters in United States history. The war in Iraq continued overseas, and Murray State watched fellow students and members of the community leave for service in Iraq.

National events were only a part of the change Murray State students experienced. In November, students, faculty and staff grieved the death of student Nadia Shahin in a hit and run accident. They were shocked by the resignation of University President F. King Alexander and waited through the interim of his father, Kern Alexander, until Randy Dunn was announced the new University president in May.

During the 2005-2006 men's basketball season, Racer fans cheered with delight as the team headed for the NCAA Basketball Tournament. A few weeks later, fans learned that head basketball coach Mick Cronin was leaving the University to coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Throughout this year of changes, losses and new additions, Murray State students kept busy in academics and extracurricular activities. Life in the residential colleges continued to flourish as the residential college councils planned events and activities to build community and increase student involvement. In May, students watched as the old housing office behind Winslow was torn down and the ground broken as construction of the new Clark Residential College began.

Students were entertained in Lovett Auditorium by events ranging from concerts to presidential lectures to the ever-popular All Campus Sing, Alpha Phi Alpha Step Off, and Alpha Omicron Pi's Mr. MSU.

Greek life underwent several changes, as the Year of the Greeks sought to emphasize Greek unity and involvement. Sororities and fraternities continued to contribute to the University and community through philanthropic events.

Student organizations continued to grow and flourish, promoting student involvement in different areas of study and extracurricular activities.

Sports continued to be a physical outlet for Murray State athletes with an Athletic Department under the direction of new athletic director, Allen Ward.

No matter what area of study students chose, the opportunities for growth, academic achievement and extracurricular involvement were plentiful at Murray State. The *Shield* is proud to have worked with Murray State faculty, staff and students. We hope you have enjoyed this year's *Shield* yearbook, *reDefined*.

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Quadrangle,
in the middle of
campus, is deserted
as the spring
semester at Murray
State ends.



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line up to receive their
diplomas at spring
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